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Vancouver and vicinity—Increasing easterly winds, milder, with snow or rain; higher temperature.	

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SUSPECT WATSON DESPITE ALIBI

Former Seattle Police Officer Says He Saw Ex-Detective, Now Under Arrest, in Nanaimo on Day of Hold-Up

ISLAND POLICE WILL URGE EXTRADITION

Witnesses Tell of Identification Proceedings—Leader Is Recognized by All—Authorities Still Doubtful

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—A former Seattle police officer who knows ex-detective Ross C. Watson, of this city, well, it was stated in a dispatch from Vancouver to The Post-Intelligencer tonight, has informed the Provincial Police that he saw Watson in Nanaimo the day of the \$42,000 Royal Bank of Canada robbery there. The Vancouver dispatch and another from Victoria said that despite the fact that the Seattle police officials have asserted they believe Watson innocent, Canadian authorities will press for the suspect's extradition along with the four other accused men held here.

If Seattle police believe Watson's alibi sufficient to release him, the Vancouver message said, the British Columbia police will ask that he be rearrested that he may be taken there for trial for alleged participation in the robbery.

Canadian Jury to Decide
"Whether Watson's alibi is false or true is a matter for a Canadian jury to decide," was the only comment Deputy Prosecutors Bert Ross and T. H. Patterson, special prosecutors in the bank case, cared to make today, following the assertion of Captain of Detectives Tennant and Police Chief W. H. Beveridge that they believe Watson was not at the robbery.

They have definite instructions from Canada, Ross and Patterson said, to bring extradition proceedings to remove to British Columbia all of the suspects here, including Watson, ex-futrolium, Clarence H. Shively, Thomas Johnson, George Bagley and Harry Stone, alias George Rossi, and intend to follow instructions implicitly.

Personal papers and memoranda taken from the prisoners' pockets at the time of their arrest were carefully scanned for the first time today.

SEVEN THOUSAND ARE BOOTLEGGERS

LIQUOR BOARD OFFICER SPEAKS OF VANDERBILT

Informing Court That Army of Illicit Whisky Sellers Heads in Terminal City

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 26.—"There are about 7,000 bootleggers in Vancouver," replied Officer Bremner, of the Liquor Board force, to G. S. Wlamer, counsel with R. A. Braden, defending W. Bailey on a liquor-selling charge. Mr. Wlamer had asked, "How many blind piggeries are there in Vancouver?"—saying in explanation that he wished to test the credibility of evidence witnesses had given.

"On what do you base your statement?" asked Mr. Wlamer, continuing the examination of Bremner.

"That is what I have heard," was the reply.

Pressed further for more definite basis for such a definite statement, Bremner said: "Inspector Sutherland, of the Vancouver police force, told me in the dry squad office one day that there were reported to be 7,000 bootleggers in Vancouver alone."

"How many have you seen, or interviewed, say, in the month of November?" asked Mr. Wlamer.

"About two hundred," said Bremner.

Decision in the case was deferred until next Monday to find out if the new charges allowing fines instead of imprisonment apply.

B. C. Fruit Growers en Route to Ottawa Asking Better Trade With Japan

WINNIPEG, Dec. 26.—To impress upon the Federal Government the necessity for better trade relations with Japan, a party of British Columbia fruit agents passed through Winnipeg tonight en route to Ottawa. They will also discuss the Australian treaty. At present, both Japan and Australia maintain an embargo against Canadian apples.

Coldest Boxing Day in New York in 52 Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The cold wave which inflicted the most frigid Christmas for many years upon the Middle and Far West States, reached New York today. The rise in temperature to 23 degrees this afternoon, following a drop to 11 above at 7:30 this morning, the lowest point to which the mercury had sunk on December 26 since 1872, will be only temporary, the weather bureau announced. Tonight the thermometer again began to drop again, and the weather bureau predicted that this morning's cold breeze probably would be duplicated by tomorrow morning. The death of an unidentified man in Scotch Plains, N.J., today resulted from the cold.

Now Head of Labor



MR. WILLIAM H. GREEN
Olio man who has been secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America and vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, was the unanimous choice for president of the federation.

THIRTY-FIVE DEAD IN SCHOOL FIRE

TWO MORE VICTIMS SUCCEMB IN OKLAHOMA TOWN

Committee Appointed to Care for Orphans and to Help Restore City's Home Life

IDAHO, Okla., Dec. 26.—Mrs. J. P. Noah, 65, died in a hospital here tonight, bringing up to thirty-five the number of fatalities in the high school settlement schoolhouse fire on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Noah was the second victim to die today as a result of injuries. John Goforth having succumbed this morning. Three other persons are not expected to survive.

Plans for placing the unknown dead in a common grave, first considered when it appeared identification of all the bodies would be impossible because of their charred condition, were abandoned when the identity of the last victim—a little girl of eleven—was established.

All Dead Identified
Joint funeral services for sixteen of the dead were held this afternoon, followed by burial in separate graves. The remaining nineteen victims of the fire probably will be buried tomorrow.

Twenty persons injured in the fire are still confined to the hospitals, and all but three are conceded to have an even chance to recover.

A committee of local citizens was appointed by Mayor F. Gillespie to provide for the care of children orphaned by the disaster and to work toward rehabilitation of the home life of the children. Already a movement is under way to raise funds with which to erect a monument to the memory of those who lost their lives. Three small fires in recent years, added to the city's tension. No one was seriously injured.

FEDERAL CABINET MADE COMPROMISE

CROWN'S NEXT RATES DECISION UNSATISFACTORY

Retrospective Section of West's Demands for Restoration Not Considered by Government

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The Government having restored the Crown's Next Rates, set aside by the Railway Commission, pending an appeal on points of law and jurisdiction, interest now shifts to the Supreme Court of Canada. Already the Railway Commission has given the necessary leave to appeal its judgment, which the questions which the highest judicial tribunal in the land will be called upon to answer. The answers to these questions will decide not only the question of whether the Railway Commission has the authority to upset the Crown's Next Rates, but will also determine whether the Crown's Next Rates are applicable all over the C. P. R. system or only on the lines in existence in 1897. Any set aside is an indication when the appeal will be heard by the Supreme Court. No papers have yet been filed by counsel for the interested parties.

Meets December 30

The court meets again on December 30 for judgment, and an application may then be made for a special hearing. The order-in-council in which the Government's decision on the appeal was embodied set forth the opinion that "all parties should expedite the hearing of the said appeal," and presumably it would be an advantage to have the judgment of the Supreme Court before the inevitable debate on the whole matter comes up in the Commons. If a special hearing of appeal does not take place it will not come before the court before the regular February sittings. The decision of the Government appears to have been received with mixed feeling. That there was a division in the Cabinet, and that the temporary restoration of rates is a compromise, is generally accepted.

While it is admitted that the West has won a partial victory, it is pointed out that the decision of the Government gives but a portion of what was asked. The demand of the West was for restoration of the rates to be some effect within fifteen days from yesterday. Should a special hearing of the court uphold the Railway Commission, the Crown's Next Rates might again be thrown out after being in force but a few days.

BOOTLEGGER OF WEALTH SOUGHT

Millionaire New Yorker One of Syndicate Owning \$500,000 of Liquor Confiscated on St. Lawrence

EIGHT ALREADY ARRESTED IN PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Bail of Two Accused Montreal Officials Fixed by Special Session of Court at \$8,000 Each

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—A New York millionaire is the latest to be sought in connection with the \$500,000 smuggling plot which has resulted in the arrest of eight men, and it is expected that before long both this millionaire and two or three others who live across the line will be in the hands of the police and extradition proceedings taken against them.

This is the latest development in the case, which is that of the seizure of the large Tremblay, at St. Lawrence, long ago, with \$400,000 worth of liquor, while the next day another \$100,000 worth was confiscated by the authorities from another vessel at Bicton.

Hall at \$8,000 Each

An unusual turn was given the case on Christmas Eve, when the Montreal harbor master, Captain Simons, and the chief of customs, Mr. J. E. Bissell, were arrested in the metropolis and brought to Quebec. Here they have been charged with conspiracy to defraud the provincial and Federal governments and at a special session of the court of sessions were admitted to bail, set at \$8,000 each, and their preliminary hearing set for next February.

In all, this makes eight men who have been arrested in connection with the case.

MILITARY DICTATOR SEEKS SUCCESSOR

SPANISH RULER FORMS PATRIOTIC UNION

Directorate Admits Lack of Qualifications, and Desires to Quit Positions

PORT VENDRE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Dec. 26.—Although leading politicians of Spain continue to abstain from the present dictatorship, the possibility of the future government of the country when the existing military dictatorship ceases to exist, numerous hints are appearing in the newspapers of Spain concerning what is likely to occur.

Whatever the viewpoint from which it comes, the idea seems to prevail generally that the present dictatorship is approaching the conclusion of its term of power. This anticipated change, it is declared, is not a consequence of the determination of the Spanish people to oust the dictatorship, but is because the members of the directorate themselves desire to quit a position for which they admit they do not consider themselves fully qualified.

Potential Successors

It is stated by those familiar with the situation that the members of the military directorate have been searching for months to find potential successors. Steps have been taken by the directorate to bring into the Clerical and Conservative elements, to form a new party with purely patriotic ideals. This party, under the name of the Patriotic Union, appears to have taken shape. Recent figures show that it has already established itself throughout the country with a reported adherence of 23,449. Sixty-four districts in which committees have been formed have thus far failed to report progress.

LOCK UP M'COY JURY FOR NIGHT

UNABLE TO REACH DECISION AFTER TEN HOURS

Jury Asks for the Reading of Part of Evidence, and Hood Six for Conviction

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—The jury in the case of "Killer" McCoy, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mora here last August, was locked up for the night at 10 p.m., after having deliberated since shortly after noon today.

A half hour before they retired to their hotel the jurors had requested the court to have read to them the testimony of Mrs. Jennie Thomas, McCoy's sister, who he visited on the night of the slaying and to whom the state contends he confessed.

After the transcript had been read to them, Judge Charles S. Crail asked the jury how they stood. The foreman replied the last ballot was six to three in favor of conviction. He was instructed to suspend its deliberations for the night.

To Enter Schreiber Field
PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 26.—Following negotiations with the owners which have extended over a period of several months, the Tonopah Mining Company, one of the biggest mining concerns on the continent, has decided to enter Schreiber Field, and will, at the first of the month, put engineers on the McKellar-Longworth claims to do some development work.

For Nationalization



SENATOR NORRIS
Of the United States who is fighting for the government ownership of the great \$100,000,000 Myscelo Shoals power plant. He cites the successful operation of great public ownership enterprises in Canada and asks why the people of the United States cannot do the same.

OTTAWA DECISION
CAUSE OF ALARM

RESTORATION OF CROWN'S NEXT RATES DANGEROUS

Premier Oliver Wires Capital for Complete Text of Reported Decision of Cabinet

"Until I secure an answer to my wire to Ottawa asking for the complete text of the reported decision of the federal cabinet to restore the Crown's Next Rates in Western Canada, I have no statement to make," said Premier Oliver tonight when asked regarding the Ottawa dispatch received yesterday. The Premier called Mr. G. G. McGeer, K. C., government rates counsel, into a hurried conference to discuss the new situation, but future plans will not be definitely laid until official information is received from the Dominion Capital.

If the reported intention of the federal cabinet is correct, it means that much of the Prairie market will be lost to British Columbia producers, particularly fruit growers in the Okanagan fruit belt. The abolition of the Crown's Next Rates on October 1, while it did not result in lower rates on British Columbia produce going east, eliminated unfair competition in the Prairie market from fruit growers and manufacturers of Eastern Canada. The re-enactment of the old agreement will mean that the rate on westbound freight will be materially reduced, while the east-bound rate will remain at its present level. This will allow Eastern growers and manufacturers to compete with British Columbia producers in respect of the fact that they must ship their produce much longer distances than producers in this Province.

Old Conditions Again
"So far as press reports indicate, there is nothing in the federal cabinet's decision to give British Columbia the same tariff treatment as the Eastern shippers under the Crown's Next Rates," said Premier Oliver.

"Apparently we are going back to the old conditions and their inequitable discriminations."

While the federal cabinet evidently intends to restore the old rates only pending the appeal of the Prairie Provinces, against recent judgments of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, it is feared that the Prairie Provinces may drop their appeal now that the cabinet has announced its intention to give them the low westbound rates which they desire. It is this possibility rather than the possible temporary effect of the cabinet's decision that is the chief cause of worry.

Mr. McGeer's View

Mr. McGeer said: "The attitude of the government is simply another indication that the test, in its demand for consideration in transportation matters in particular, is being heard."

"The decision of the government to restore the rates in question until the legal issues are determined by the Supreme Court of Canada is an eminently fair one from the West's point of view. The matter will, no doubt, be argued during the month of February before the Supreme Court. It will then probably go to the Privy Council, and that will mean it will probably be a year before the Crown's Next Rates Act and agreement are given a definite legal interpretation."

"In the meantime it is altogether likely that a general adjustment of freight rates throughout the Dominion will have taken place. The decision of the government at Ottawa indicates more than ever that British Columbia freight rates difficulties are the way to a successful conclusion," Mr. McGeer concluded.

Higher Temperature and Storms for Pacific Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A special bulletin indicating higher temperatures and storms along the Pacific Coast was issued by the weather bureau at noon today. The bulletin reads: "Radio reports from vessels in the Pacific indicate a change to higher temperatures, with growing cloudiness and unsettled weather within the next thirty-six hours. Snow and rain are likely in Oregon and Washington and rain in Northern California within thirty-six to forty-eight hours."

MOUNTED POLICE STRENGTHEN NET

Two Patrols to Start Shortly to Add to Life Securities in the Far Northern Parts of Canada

PLAN TO CONNECT AT INLET ON ARCTIC OCEAN

Will Probe Illicit Liquor Dealing and Relation of Whites and Natives in Northern British Columbia

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The Mounted Police force is strengthening its net across Northern Canada. Within the next few weeks two patrols will push forward into areas unexplored territory, one with the purpose of establishing a new trade route and the other to ascertain the need for a new permanent police station. From the time of the north arm of Great Slave Lake, a patrol will go north through the chain of lakes leading into Great Bear Lake, then northeast through unexplored territory known as the Diemal Lakes, and it is hoped that the party will be able to connect with another patrol at Coronation Gulf on the Arctic Ocean. Last Summer a party under Inspector H. J. Evans went from Inuvik as far as Lac St. Croix, which is part of the route to Great Bear Lake, and established a cache of supplies there for use of the expedition that is to set out shortly.

Patrol for Northern B. C.
The other patrol will go up the Peace River from Northern Alberta to Finlay Forks, Northern British Columbia, where the Peace, the Finlay and the Tanana rivers join.

Reported illicit trading in liquor and the relations between the white trappers and the Indians are the reasons for this work being undertaken. Last Summer this country was patrolled by a party of Mounted Police and officials of the Indian Affairs branch. The report of the expedition, which sets out next month, will determine whether or not a permanent post will be established. It is reported that the white trappers in the country are making it almost impossible for the Indians to obtain a livelihood.

It was from north of Finlay Forks in the Peace River country, where two Indians were taken out last Summer by Mounted Police on a charge of murder. One of the Indians, an eight-year-old boy, was thought to be bewitched and was bound and left out on the ice for six days without protection. Finally, a member of the tribe released the boy, but he died later as a result of the exposure. Two members of the family are at present awaiting trial.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN FRANCE AVERTED

CHAMBER ACCEPTS SENATORS' VIEW ON STRIKERS

Railroads Will Exercise Option in Reinstating Men Who Left the Service During Labor Trouble

PARIS, Dec. 26.—It appeared tonight that the government had been able to avert the Ministerial crisis which was threatening precipitately Wednesday, when it was defeated by a vote in the Senate on an amendment to the amnesty bill. It was said that the Radical and Socialist parties likely would vote for the bill as outlined by the Senate when it comes up before the Chamber next Tuesday. The disagreement between the Chamber and the Senate on the measure came about over a clause concerning the reinstatement of the railroad strikers who were dismissed by the companies after the 1920 strike.

It was understood today that the leaders of the Chamber had been persuaded by the government to accept the Senate's viewpoint and make the re-engagement of the former strikers optional with the railroad companies.

Alleged Counterfeiter of \$10 U. S. Notes Taken Into Custody at Quebec

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—Following an investigation in which United States secret service officers and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police co-operated in an endeavor to locate a counterfeiting plant from which United States \$10 bills were being circulated on the continent, T. Hamelin, of this city, has been arrested, charged the conspiracy in the counterfeiting. Hamelin has been taken to Montreal to await his appearance before the Montreal courts in company with Louis Robidoux, who was arrested on a similar charge at Yamaska last week.

Pioneer Journalist of Northwest Passes Away

DAUPHIN, Man., Dec. 26.—George King, editor of The Dauphin Herald and Press, died here on Christmas Day following an attack of pneumonia. Born in Oakville, Ont., deceased was early in life associated with the printing trade in Eastern Canada, and moving West in 1883, continued his activities in the field of journalism. Mr. King enjoyed a distinguished civic service record. In 1901 he was elected mayor of Dauphin, holding the office for three years, while several years later he served the council, on which he served for four years.

Objects to U.S. Visit



PREMIER KATO OF JAPAN
Announces that the Japanese Government declines with thanks, the suggestion that the United States Government send their fleet to Yokohama, after the manoeuvres in Hawaiian waters in 1925, in order to try and remove misgivings entertained by a certain section of the Japanese people. He also said: "In regard to the Singapore project, I cannot as an individual Japanese, entertain any sentiment of satisfaction."

ROME, Dec. 26.—The members of the Albanian cabinet, headed by Premier Fan Noli, fled the night before the capital was occupied by the rebel forces of Ahmed Sogu, former Premier, according to the special correspondent of The Giornale d'Italia at Triana. The Fan Noli cabinet embarked at Durazzo for Avlona. The correspondent learns that Ahmed Sogu's government will install itself at Scutari.

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RAIN MAY FOLLOW WARMER WEATHER

TEHRIFIC OCEAN STORM CAUSES BREAK IN COLD WAVE

Skaters Mourn Passing of Sport as Ice Becomes Dangerous—California Suffers Sharp Frost

Skaters looked askance at the rising mercury yesterday, while football players were reminded of their clothing boots, and golfers of their clubs, as the temperature rose steadily during the morning, until at 1 o'clock in the afternoon it was at 35 degrees above zero, where, seven hours later, it still was hovering.

ominous cracking sounds and a certain softness of the upper sheeting warned skaters yesterday afternoon that the football field and the golf links were about to supplant the frozen pond or lake as the skating rink. Indeed Mr. F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Dominion observatory at Gonzales Hill, saw fit to issue a warning to skaters yesterday that the ice was likely to prove dangerous unless a decided drop in temperature occurred.

Rain, and not snow, may be expected if the present upward trend of the mercury continues. Mr. Denison said last night, although light snow was falling this morning at 2 o'clock.

Warmer weather prevails here as the result of a terrific ocean storm raging in mid-Pacific, with its centre about 2,000 miles off the coast in latitude 50 degrees.

At Estevan, on the West Coast of the Island, the temperature was 43 degrees above zero at 1 o'clock last night, and at Cape Flattery it was 38. At both places it was raining. The warmer temperatures extend down the coast as far as Oregon.

But a snowy mantle fell over Vancouver yesterday during weather that kept the mercury just at the freezing point last evening, when it was falling in the interior of the Province as far west and north of Vancouver as Kamloops, where the temperature was 18 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock last night.

From Atlin and the Yukon a pronounced cold wave is rapidly spreading southwards to a large Prairie, where temperatures ranging from twenty to thirty below zero reigned in northern Alberta and Saskatchewan yesterday. The cold spell of the past fortnight still has Eastern Canada, while sharp frost was experienced yesterday as far south in the States as the shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

California has not escaped the flight of cold. In the Sacramento Valley yesterday there were twenty degrees of frost, and people on the coast well to the south of San Francisco shivered in frosty winds. If the ocean storm moves farther to the south "Victoria may expect colder weather," Mr. Denison said last night, for the cold winds of northern British Columbia and the Yukon would then be drawn over this section of the country. If, on the other hand, the storm centre continues to approach the coast, the city will probably experience warmer weather still.

To Test Mental Fitness Of Printers' Apprentices

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Scientific measurement of the fitness of apprentices for the printing industry has been made a compulsory test for admission to the Toronto Typographical Union. Henceforth no youth will be accepted for membership in the union until he has passed the test. It is stated here that there is no other labor union thus mentally measuring its future members. The test was decided upon by the apprenticeship committee of the local union and endorsed by the officers of the local organization.

AMBASSADORS CONVENE TODAY

Allied Council Gathers at Paris to Discuss the Question of Evacuation of the Cologne Bridgehead

FRANCO-BRITISH DECISION LIKELY TO BE APPROVED

M. Herriot Declares That on the Question of Disarmament "We Shall Be Very Vigilant"

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Allied Council of Ambassadors at its meeting here tomorrow is expected to confirm the decisions taken by the British and French Governments not to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead on January 10.

It is not expected to go much further with the matter, however, pending the receipt of the final report from the military control mission concerning the status of German disarmament, which may be forthcoming the latter part of January. One reason for the cautious attitude on the part of the Ambassadors is found here in the different viewpoints of the French and British Government on the question.

Clandestine Operations
The French demand that the evacuation be deferred because of the discovery by the control mission of clandestinely manufactured arms and other evidence of violations of the Treaty of Versailles. The British base their decision on the fact that the final report of the mission is not ready and that the evacuation ought not to precede it.

The French Premier has declared that on the question of the disarmament of Germany "we shall be very vigilant," but he announced that the final report of the mission and the final action of the Ambassadors must be awaited.

By is compelled to believe, it is stated, that the discoveries of the control mission leave no doubt that important quantities of arms are concealed in Germany and that a stern attitude on the part of France at this time risks upsetting the new conciliatory policy toward the Reich. It is felt that chances are that will be unable to do otherwise than insist that the control mission be maintained until it is satisfied Germany is really disarmed, and remains disarmed; and that in the meantime the Cologne bridgehead must remain in allied hands.

LONDON FAVORED WITH FINE WEATHER

BOXING DAY MOSTLY DEVOTED TO OUTDOOR SPORT

Theatres, Music Halls and Other Places of Amusement Attracted Great Crowds

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Boxing Day, in contrast to Christmas Day, was devoted mostly to outdoor sports. Numerous race meetings, soccer and rugby matches featured the day, and the sports were favored with fine weather. The theatres, music halls and other places of entertainment were crowded this afternoon and evening. The chief features of the shows today were pantomimes, children's plays and circus. Boxing Day is the first week day after Christmas. It is a legal holiday, on which presents are given to errand boys, letter carriers and others who usually are remembered by householders on this day with tokens of the season's goodwill.

PROPOSE TO STUDY ONTARIO HYDRO

U.S. CONGRESS SEEKS INFORMATION ON SUBJECT

Use of Muscle Shoal on Tennessee River Suggests Investigation of Canadian Scheme

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Canadian experiences with light and power questions promise to be much the same in the United States for the next year or two.

The reason for this is the controversy in Congress over what to do with the enormous power at Muscle Shoals, in the Tennessee River, in Alabama. It has been going to waste for centuries. Congress at last is confronted squarely with the question whether to have the Government own and operate the project or to turn it over to private enterprise.

If the matter goes into the hands of a commission to investigate—and present indications are that it will—it is expected that a close study will be made of the hydro-electric system in Ontario. Senator Morris, Progressive Republican, Nebraska, who is leading a fight to have the Government keep control of Muscle Shoals in preference to turning it over to private interests, is anxious to have such a study made.

Gas From Defective Stone Kills Three at Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Carbon monoxide gas from a defective gas furnace killed three persons in one family here today. The dead are: Charles E. Adams, fifty-eight; Mrs. Mary L. Adams, fifty-four; and Miss Marjorie Adams, seventeen. The three bodies were discovered in their home.

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Smudge Pot Batteries in South Fight Cold Snap

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Batteries of smudge pots belched their black, warm smoke in defence of Southern California's citrus early today as Government weather forecasters warned growers to prepare for a repetition of yesterday's below-freezing temperatures. Several days may elapse before anything like an accurate estimate of damage from yesterday's frost can be made, fruit exchange officials explained, though at Santa Barbara, where the thermometer fell to 23 degrees above zero, the loss was estimated roughly at \$100,000, or ten per cent of the citrus crop.

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CROW'S NEST RATES RESTORED FOR TIME

PENDING APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT ACT APPLIES

Application for Immediate Hearing of Prairie Provinces' Protest to Be Urged This Week

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The cabinet's Christmas present to the country is the temporary restoration of the Crow's Nest rates set aside by the Board of Railway Commissioners. The rates are restored pending appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada by the Prairie Provinces and they are effective within fifteen days, but "no person or corporation" is given the right to demand any refund on freight charges paid during the period. In respect to any shipments made during the period during which the higher rates have been or are in force. The cabinet council reached its decision after a series of meetings and, following the hearing of argument on appeal by the Prairie Provinces against the decision of the Railway Board and it was not until today that the Governor-General approved the cabinet's formal order-in-council. This outlines the decision before the railway board, the decision of the Board ordering the Crow's Nest tariffs lifted on July 7 to be withdrawn subject to appeal both of the cabinet and of the Supreme Court and the questions the Supreme Court will be asked to answer.

Law and Jurisdiction
"It thus appears," continues the order-in-council, "that the petitioners (the Prairie Provinces) have reported to the Supreme Court of Canada to have determined the question of law and jurisdiction. Under these circumstances, your committee (the cabinet) is of the opinion that whatever the power of the council may be in the premises, it is absolutely necessary that the council should be advised as to the exact situation in reference to these questions of law and jurisdiction before taking any action looking toward the readjustment of rates sought by the petitioners."

"Your committee is of the opinion, however, that your committee in council has power to grant a stay of proceedings or postpone the operation of the order of the Board complained of, pending the outcome of the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada above referred to, and to direct that the said order of the Board be varied by providing that the tariffs therein referred to shall become operative and remain in effect until further order of the Board following the decision of the Supreme Court upon the said appeal."

Recommendations Variation
"The committee, therefore, recommends that general order of the Board No. 498, be varied to provide that the tariffs therein referred to shall become operative within fifteen days after the date hereof, and remain in effect until further order of the Board following the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada on the appeal to it from the Board hereinbefore referred to, but that such variation shall not be deemed to give any person the right to demand any refund of freight charges paid or owing in respect to any shipment made during the period in which the higher rates have been or are in force."

"The committee is also of the opinion that it is manifestly in the best interests of all sections of the Dominion, as well as of the parties immediately involved in the appeal of the Supreme Court of Canada that all appeals should just in expediting the hearing of said appeal."

The Supreme Court meets again for judgment on December 29, and it is possible that application will then be made for a hearing of the appeal, or otherwise, there will be no sitting of the court until February.

INDIANAPOLIS LADY HAS WILD RIDE

Caught on Flyer's Pilot After Motor Crash and Carried Miles in Zero Weather—Is Uninjured

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—Thrown onto the pilot of the Knickerbocker Special, fast Big Four passenger train, after a train had crashed into an automobile in which she was riding, and injured three members of her family, one fatally, at a crossing here, Mrs. Kenneth Clark, eighteen of this city, had a wild twelve-mile ride last night until she fell from the train into a ditch near Oaklandon, Ind. Although unconscious when found, she was not seriously hurt, suffering only from exposure from the zero weather and slight bruises.

Holy Year Pilgrims
GENEVA, Dec. 26.—Transportation of the holy year pilgrims to Rome is a problem which has necessitated the assembling of an international conference of railroad men here. It has been found necessary to schedule from 150 to 200 special trains.

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Oddities in the News

Design of London Hats 300 Years Old—Gambling on Increase Among English Women—Motor Horns Too Much for Monks

LONDON.—"Pikeman's pot" styles in women's hats, designed after the steel helmets of the seventeenth century pikemen, represented in the collection of arms and armor in the Tower of London, are the latest sensation in fashionable London millinery.

For some time, milliners have hunted for designs that would, by their novelty of appeal, lure women away from the popular cloche fashion. Earlier in the season they thought that a successful hat had been found in the square-crowned hat, but this was voted down by fastidious clients.

Now the seventeenth century helmet is being used as a model for the mid-Winter hat. The featherweight felt of the season—steel grey is the favorite color choice for realistic effect—is blocked to the seventeenth-century outline and a tuft of feathers gives the feminine touch.

LONDON.—Betting and gambling are increasing enormously among the women of England, and the "spirit of gambling" seems to be in the very blood of our people. J. C. Meggitt, of Harry, declared at a recent conference here on "Sweepstakes, Betting and Gambling," promoted by the Young People's Department of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Mr. Meggitt said the newspaper's responsibility for the growth of gambling because they foster it as a commercial proposition to increase their circulation. He pointed out that another speaker said he had found in ten weekly papers he had examined at random twenty-one gambling competitions, offering nearly \$100,000 in prizes.

MUNICIPAL.—The whirl of modern life, exemplified by automobile, radio, telephone and electric lights, is getting too much for the Trappist monks of Ilanz. Despairing of seclusion in their present monastery near Bamberg, they will soon withdraw to a remote part of the Bavarian mountains.

Several sites are under consideration, one of them a mountain top where once stood a hermit's castle. Here it is felt that the penitential and silent days of the Trappist brothers could be passed without disturbance.

CHICAGO.—Boy babies have not the same chance of living as girl babies, they are the weaker sex, according to Prof. H. J. Holmes, zoologist of the University of California, speaking here at the American Statistical Association.

"In the first year of life many more boys die than girls, the proportion of boy deaths being greater in the first month and gradually decreasing through the rest of the year. Studies made in places, periods and social strata where the infant death rate is low show the ratio of boy deaths to girl deaths is high. As we go back in embryonic life this ratio steadily increases. The male, as a rule, is the weaker animal, at least at the start of life."

OFFICIALS ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Montreal Harbormaster and Head of Customs Police Accused of Attempting to Bootleg

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—J. B. Bisson, chief of the local customs police, and Captain Simonds, harbor master of Montreal, were arrested here Christmas Eve on a charge of complicity to defraud the provincial and federal governments by attempting to bring contraband liquor to the city of Montreal.

The case arises out of the capture recently of the barge Tremblay at St. Sulpice, on the St. Lawrence, with a cargo of liquor on board. Five other men are also under arrest in connection with this case.

LOGGER CONVICTED OF STEALING AUTO

Magistrate Jay Reserves Sentence to Be Passed Upon Thomas McMahon—Denies Theft

Thomas McMahon, accused of stealing an automobile belonging to Mr. F. A. Nicholls, was convicted yesterday by Magistrate Jay, who, however, reserved sentence. The convicted man said he was a logger. He admitted he was in the car when it was stolen, but claimed it had been taken by another man. This man's name was given as Cowie. He was another logger, whom McMahon said he had known for a long time, but had not seen for two years before the theft took place.

The police, however, had not been able to find any such man in the city. Constable Percy Richards told of finding the car near the Orphans' Home. When he called at a house opposite and asked about the automobile, which had been taken the day before in front of the Dominion Theatre, the accused came out and tried to escape on a bicycle.

Tokio Howlens Released
TOKIO, Dec. 26.—Two leaders of a gang of political powder who were arrested after they stopped the American Colony dance at the Hotel Imperial on June 7 as a protest against the passage of the Japanese exclusion clause in the American immigration bill, were discharged by a criminal court today because of insufficient evidence. The men were charged with disturbing the peace.

SEEK VICTIMS OF COLLAPSED DAM

SEVEN STILL MISSING IN VIRGINIA CATASTROPHE

Break in Reservoir at Alkali Works Submerged Settlement in Flood of Lame Muck

SALTVILLE, Va., Dec. 26.—With nine bodies thus far recovered and six or seven persons still missing, the search for victims continues today in the arena of the Holston River Valley laid waste by the flood of lime muck released by the breaking of a dam Wednesday at the Mathieson Alkali Works. While more than a score of injured lay in an improvised hospital here, searchers continued the fight with the stretches of time-whitened mud deposited by the torrent which virtually swept away the little settlement of workers below the dam.

Four or five of the injured are not expected to live and many are suffering from pneumonia, resulting from their immersion in the icy waters and from burns caused by the alkali muck.

Treated for Burns

Many of the rescuers have been treated for burns. Several of the bodies recovered had been carried six miles below the dam, in Tumbling Creek. Belief that some of the missing still lay buried under the muck, standing waist high in places, kept the searchers at their task after more than 36 hours.

Most of the victims whose bodies have so far been recovered were attending a Christmas Eve party at the home of Harry Frazer, the house nearest the dam. With only a minute's warning of a deafening roar as the dam broke, the merry-makers were trapped without a chance to save themselves as the house was engulfed. Occupants of some other houses which withstood the torrent managed to struggle through the mud and water to safety after the crest had passed.

REACH SETTLEMENT ON ANCIENT CLAIM

NORTHWESTERN LANDS SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT

Dispute Between Ottawa and Hudson's Bay Company Dating From 1869 Disposed Of

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—The Daily Province carries the following dispatch from an Ottawa correspondent: "A contentious matter of long standing, involving nearly a million acres of land in Western Canada, has just been amicably adjusted between the Department of the Interior and the Hudson's Bay Company, it was announced today by Hon. Charles Stewart."

"Under the deed by which it surrenders its ownership of Rupertland, comprising what is now known as the Prairie Provinces, the company claimed there was still due it nearly 7,100,000 acres of land. After negotiations with the officials of the Department of the Interior, the company has agreed to accept 6,639,000 acres, in satisfaction of its claim."

An Old Dispute

"The dispute is an old one, dating back to the year 1869. In that year the company, by a deed of surrender, relinquished its ownership of the country west of the Great Lakes, which had been given to it two centuries before by King Charles. In return for surrendering this vast territory, it received from the Dominion Government a sum of money and was further to get one-twentieth of the land in the 'fertile belt' set for settlement."

"This 'fertile belt' was defined by the deed of surrender as consisting roughly of all the territory from the Rockies to the Lake of the Woods, south of the Saskatchewan River."

Difference of Opinion

"When it came to implementing the terms of the deed of surrender, it was found that there was a difference of opinion as to what constituted 'land set for settlement,' especially in regard to Indian reserves and forest reserves. The company contended that these reserves were land 'set for settlement,' and claimed one-twentieth of them as its rightful due. The government, on the other hand, took the position that such lands were not 'set for settlement,' within the meaning of the deed of surrender."

Italian Sculptor Dead

BIENNA, Italy, Dec. 26.—Enrico Gualini, noted sculptor, died here suddenly yesterday.

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VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—W. J. Blake Wilson, general manager of F. Burns & Company, is still seriously ill. At his residence this morning he was reported as still in a high fever, but holding his own. Mr. Wilson has been ill for five or six days, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Montreal Banker Dead
MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Charles G. Morgan, retired banker, died here yesterday.



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Pioneer Firefighter Dead
VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—Thomas W. Little, former fire chief of Nelson, died Christmas Eve at Pender Harbor. He belonged to the Vancouver volunteer fire brigade formed in 1884 and later went to Nelson. He was fire warden for the Provincial Government at Pender Harbor at the time of his death.

Hibben's Great Sale of all classes of books, stationery, mathematical instruments, continues until Wednesday evening.

ARREST FIVE ON LIQUOR CHARGES

CLAIM GOVERNMENT HOUSE WHISKY STOCK LOOTED
Was Sold In Johnson Street Resort, According to Police Court Evidence—More Arrests Likely

The first of a series of police court trials arising out of the alleged theft of a case of Scotch whisky from Government House during the progress of a recent masquerade party was commenced before Magistrate Jay yesterday afternoon. The history of the case of Scotch, as told by the police, is interesting.

It seems that after the covered square box had been taken from Government House it was placed in a taxi cab and transported to a resort on lower Johnson Street, where it was used as the "raison d'être" for a Christmas party. When the theft was discovered Detective Stark and McLellan were assigned to the case, and within a short space of time a total of five warrants were issued.

Donald Skene, Roy McDonald and Joe Bayley each got one charging them with the theft of the whisky. William Edridge was charged with buying the liquor, and Stella Bridges, lower Johnson Street, was charged with selling it.

Yesterday afternoon the trial of Skene was commenced and it is expected that it will be continued this morning. The trial of the others involved in the transaction will follow. The police have also arrested a Vancouver man named Harry Ambert, who said his occupation was that of a travelling salesman. The police allege that the liquor was first located in his room in a local hotel, but Ambert denies vigorously that he had any knowledge that the Scotch was stolen goods.

SUSPECT WATSON DESPITE ALIBI

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by Patterson and Ross. The prosecutors said that these papers unmistakably link all of the men together, and are of great value to the case, inasmuch as each of the suspects has denied that he is acquainted with any of the others, with the exception of Shively and Watson, who worked together in the police department.

The memorandum also is said to have furnished the officers with several new important "leads," whereby they may be enabled to still more closely identify the men with each other and with the crime.

Watson's alibi, that he was in Chief Severn's, begins at 12:30 o'clock p.m., Friday, December 12. At this hour, the afternoon of the robbery, the chief said, Miller, a luncheon man, has made the statement he saw Watson at the Halcott Canal Lumber Company office, waiting to take home Mrs. Watson, who is employed there.

Nanaimo Skeptical
NANAIMO, Dec. 26.—Chief of Police Shirras, of the local city force, says that despite any alibi which Watson may have declared in Seattle, he will be brought to Nanaimo for trial in connection with the bank robbery here on December 12 if the local force can establish their way.

"Watson was identified by our witnesses as one of the men present during the hold-up," said the chief, "and we are certainly going to bring him here for trial, if possible."

Chief Shirras, Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. Cook and Messrs. Cies, Quennell, J. C. McGuffie and Jas. Stephenson returned to Nanaimo yesterday from Seattle, where they were called to identify the men arrested on suspicion of having participated in the robbery of the Royal Bank here on December 12. Identification of five of the suspects by Nanaimo witnesses was complete, according to Chief Shirras. All of the Nanaimo easily identified Johnson as the leader of the gang in the bank, while other men were picked out, from a line-up in the Seattle jail, as having participated in the Nanaimo robbery.

The method of identification was made as difficult as possible by the Seattle police authorities in order that there should be no doubt in the matter. Some ten men (not a suspect among them) were first lined up and without hesitation every member of the identification party declared they could not identify a single man. Then other line-ups were made with suspects among them and before the work was completed all suspects were identified. Johnson, the alleged leader of the gang, was identified by all the five Nanaimo men.

Watson Has Alibi
SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Ross C. Watson, former city detective, today was exonerated by Police Chief W. B. Severn and Charles Tennant, captain of detectives, of participation in the \$42,000 robbery of the Royal Bank of Canada at Nanaimo, B. C., December 12.

Chief Severn and Captain Tennant said Watson had proved a good alibi.

"I am satisfied Watson is not guilty," said Detective Captain Tennant. However, the officers said, it is probable that J. Shirras, chief of police of Nanaimo, and Inspector Forbes Cruickshank, of British Columbia police, will still endeavor to effect Watson's extradition to Canada in view of the fact that two witnesses of the robbery positively identified him as one of the bandits this week.

Watson was one of six suspects arrested in Seattle, Montezuma and Tacoma, in connection with the robbery. Of the six, Clarence H. Shively, former patrolman, is in jail here awaiting removal to McNell Island prison to begin serving a two-year term for conviction on conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act. Attorneys for the other four suspects today were in conference to decide upon a course of action to obtain bail for their clients. Sufficient resistance will be offered on the part of counsel for the crown in event that defence attorneys bring court action seeking release of the men.

His Personal Opinion
In saying that he believed Watson innocent, Captain Tennant added: "That is my personal opinion. Watson was in Bellingham at the time of the Nanaimo robbery, but I am satisfied that he had no part in it."

Chief of Police Severn said Watson's alibi was supported by a half dozen or more persons, who told him a Detective Captain Tennant they saw Watson Friday noon or evening.

The chief said he has a statement from William Bolcom, of the Bolcom Canal Lumber Company, in which Mr. Bolcom says that Watson called at the company's office at 12:30 o'clock the afternoon of December 12 to get Mrs. Watson, who is employed there. Patrolman Harry Watson, motorcycle, who is the chief said, told him that he passed Watson Friday afternoon while on his beat, and proved by slips of arrests that he, Watson, was in that vicinity at the time. An Inspector of the Seattle Taxi Cab Company also reported to the chief that he had seen Watson, the chief announced.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney T. H. Patterson, one of the special counsel representing the crown, said today that Watson's alibi would have no effect on his actions; that the case would have to take its course.

"Under no circumstances," he said, "will the men be admitted to bail if we can help it. We will resist even temporary release, and when the time comes we believe we can show that we can hold the prisoners without bail."

Legal Fight Foreshadowed
SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—A legal battle to obtain freedom for four men held in the King County jail in connection with the \$42,000 Nanaimo bank robbery, December 12, is expected to develop in the court today.

It was learned last night that attorneys for the four men—Ross C. Watson, former city detective; Thomas Johnson, William Bagley and Harry Stone—will attempt to obtain their release today, either under bond or on habeas corpus proceedings.

In the event the latter course is pursued the defendants, it was said, will allege they are being held without cause, and will demand that a more convincing showing of their alleged guilt be made or that they be immediately released.

Whatever form the action takes, it will be strongly resisted by Deputy Prosecutor T. H. Patterson and Lieut. Ross, who will appear before Presiding Judge Mitchell Gilliam in the role of King County officers and special prosecutors for the Canadian Government.

Patterson and Ross, it was stated, will hold that the arrest of the suspects was lawful, and that the only issue to be determined is whether the evidence they produce is sufficient to warrant extradition of the suspects to Canada for trial.

Clarence Shively, fifth suspect, will not contest his incarceration, it was said. He is scheduled next week to commence serving a two-year term at the McNell Island Federal penitentiary, having been convicted of violating the Volstead Act.

Prepare for Extradition
Under the direction of Inspector Forbes Cruickshank, of the Canadian Provincial police, extradition papers for the suspects have already been prepared. Argument on extradition will be heard by Judge Gilliam, who will sit as extradition commissioner. Patterson and Ross will appear on behalf of the Canadian Government.

Three more witnesses from Canada are expected in Seattle this week to attempt identification of the suspects. Two of these are the men who rented the automobile in which the bandits are said to have made their getaway, while the third is declared to have sold two tires to the driver of the machine.

Watson, who is being held in the city jail, was visited by his wife. She brought him a package containing Christmas gifts.

Fears that liberation of the four suspects might hinder attempts to capture two other men suspected of being implicated in the robbery is one reason why the release attempt will be fought.

Should the men be held without bail it will be the first time in King County that such procedure has been followed in a robbery case. Such action is usually reserved only for murder cases. If the special counsel in Shively's possession by officers in investigating the case. Legal steps to obtain permission to open the box will be taken tomorrow, it is understood.

Shively's expression became grave yesterday for the first time since his arrest, when a group of five Canadian witnesses of the robbery arrived and identified him and four of the other men under arrest here as being the hold-up men.

Ross C. Watson, former Seattle detective, was identified by three of the witnesses, who said they recognized him as the bandit who had flourished a revolver while ordering bank employees about with frequent and vehement curses.

The witnesses brought to Seattle by Chief Shirras yesterday are: Mrs. W. Jardine, Mrs. W. P. Cook, Charles Connell and W. McGuffie, customers of the Royal Bank present during the robbery, and James Stevenson, teller. One at a time, mixed with groups of other prisoners, each of the suspects was led past the witnesses. Besides Shively and Watson the witnesses identified William Bagley, Thomas Johnson and Harry Stone, alias La Rue, alias George Rossi, Edward Hunter, operator of Shively's speedboat, none of the witnesses recognized, they said, and he was released at once.

Leader Recognized
Johnson, the "big enigma" whom the police have been unable to induce to talk, was pointed out without hesitancy by the witnesses as "the big pleasant man who stood in the centre of the bank floor and held the bank staff 'keep on working as usual,' while he directed the movements of the other bandits."

Up to this time the officers had held the bank staff because of the bandit gang, because of his cool, pleasant manner.

The Canadian currency found by Detective Chad Shilard and J. M. Kookah in the Fourth Avenue apartment of Stone, was identified by Teller Stevenson yesterday by means of peculiar small check marks he had put on the bills at the time he received them through his wicket from customers before the robbers entered.

It was learned from Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant during the day that although he has had Watson in custody since Monday night no attempt has been made to search his home for any of the incriminating currency or other clue that might connect him more definitely with the hold-up.

"Jordan" Is Puzzle
Tennant said, in his opinion, the two garage men who rented an automobile at Victoria supposedly to one of the robbers posing as R. C. Jordan before the robbery, should have been brought to Seattle to identify if possible which of the men held is "Jordan."

It has been the contention of the officers that "Jordan" is Watson. However, the suspect Johnson yesterday was asked to write the name "R. C. Jordan" on a slip of paper. He did so and the signature is said to bear a remarkable resemblance to that which "Jordan" placed on the Victoria garage contract when he took away the car. The name on the contract had been compared with the handwriting of Watson, and up to the time Johnson wrote the signature yesterday, it had been supposed that Watson was the man who signed the contract. There is now a division of opinion as to who was "Jordan."

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\$250,000 Winnipeg Fire
WINNIPEG, Dec. 26.—Fire starting in the elevator shaft on the second floor, Christmas Eve, practically destroyed the Werner Block, in the wholesale district here. The damage was estimated at \$250,000. The block was occupied by several wholesale firms, the heaviest losers being the Werner Drug Company and the Van Berky Produce Company.

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Catchy tunes, topical rhymes, gorgeous scenery, elaborate costumes and—most important of all—the beloved creatures of the old-time nursery pantomime, make of "Beauty and the Beast," Mr. Reginald Hincks' latest annual offering, a thoroughly engaging entertainment which should keep the old folks, as well as the young, in high good humor for the rest of the Christmas season. The "panto" had its premiere last night at the Royal Victoria Theatre, before an audience which was thoroughly appreciative of all the subtleties and beauties of the thing, but the real time for the real enjoyment of the performance will be at the matinees when the young folk are present in greater numbers to inspire by their best efforts the cat, the dog, the policeman, the old witch, the good fairy, Jack and Jill, Beauty and the Beast and the rest of the cast, and Mr. Twankey, Sambo, and all the other quaint folk who make up the personnel of the play.

It is all wonderfully well put on, and one comes away with a pleasure of prominent impressions from which it is a little difficult to select the most outstanding. First of all, however, everyone who goes will want to mention the scenery, which is the background of all the frolics and goings-on. It has been painted by Mr. Stewart Clark, and two scenes are particularly striking: the third and fourth. One shows a rose garden ablaze with sunlight and with bronze rose-garlanded statues which come to life at the kiss of a butterfly; the other is "The Palace of Peacocks," a most gorgeous conception worthy of any metropolitan theatre.

Roberta Balcom's dancing as "The Good Fairy" is another thing which no one will forget for many a day to come. It is radiant with life, ardent, exquisite. In one scene she appears as an orange and blue butterfly, in the other as an impudent bubble twinkling and waving a dozen lesser bubbles of brilliant hue. Her dancing is always palpitant with expression.

The Players

Then, of course, there are all the other people above enumerated. But to give an appreciation of their entertaining abilities one must tell the players. The title role of "Beauty" was taken by Dorothy Sehl, a newcomer in the ranks of pantomime, but a very charming figure on the stage, and the possessor of a sweet voice. She moves with grace and self-possession which bespeak experience on the concert platform at least; Miss Helen Starr, another newcomer in pantomime, is understood, took her place with equal grace and distinction, making a very charming "Princess." Her beautiful contralto was quite a feature of the part. The second title role, the "Beast," was feelingly taken by Mr. Stewart Clark, who is certain to capture the sympathies of the children who will make up the major part of this afternoon's audience, for a ferocious-looking face is rather veiled by the very good comedy of the creature which is supposed to strike fear into the hearts of all and sundry.

Engaging Person

Then there are Dame Twankey, a most engaging person despite the appalling millinery and red stockings which she favors. Mr. Ernie Petch, whose smile and trick of tripping over his own toes will be recognized by all the children long before he opens his mouth to say a word, is as amusing as ever in his role of the "large lady with the little husband." The little husband, Mr. Twankey, a very nice little man, is Mr. George Brydson, who plays up with considerable spirit and tunefulness to the elephantine kittenishness of his large spouse.

Sambo is Mr. Bob Webb. "Nuff said! He has a perfect darkey accent, a very comical briskeness and simplicity, and lots of funny things to say to and about all the other characters who come within the orbit of his rolling eye. He has the usual measure of darky superstition, and flutters and swimmers in such a way that the audience gets quite worked up about whatever is supposed to be happening.

Jack and Jill are an incomparable pair. Will Marshall and Peggy Lewis, who filled the roles, are so natural that one never thinks of either of them as acting a part. Together or apart they were lively elements of whom the audience is always happily conscious so long as they remain on the stage. Their duets and little scenes are low-comedy and dancing were little masterpieces of finished acting.

Mrs. Cummings makes a graphically "peaky" and chabbed old witch, but, as one discovers before the play has gone very far, this is a date of very high principles, who enunciates the moral of the play with far more unctious and fire than if she were cast in prettier mould.

Vivian Conbe is on the programme as "Johnny," but it would have been better to have characterized her as "Spring Riddle," as it is the part in which she will be best remembered. It is a little gem of fine, though brief, acting, and retains the spark of genius for comedy work. There were Mrs. Thornbrough's "Mrs. James Hay," Miss Peggy Lewis' "Beach Drive," and one or two other characters in a very quiet little passage at arms which was one of the cleverest bits of writing in the whole pantomime. The helpful dog, played by Mr. Jack Brydson, the amiable cat, played by Mr. Barrett Webb, and Mr. Bob Rose's policeman rounded out the list of able principals chosen for the cast.

Special Bits

Miss Lillian Michaels, as ballet mistress, achieved some very striking effects, particularly in the hubbie dance, the rose ballet and the tarade march, all of which were exceedingly costumed and very skillfully presented. The outstanding numbers musically in the opening scene were the duets, "Dream Once Again," by Prince and Beauty; "Do You Like Me?" by Dame Twankey and her husband; Ernie Petch's "What Does She Take Me For?" Will Marshall's "I Know She's Mine," and Ernie Petch's ridiculously clever dissertation on "Improved Creation." In the second act much applause greeted Peggy Lewis and Will Marshall in their spontaneous song "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," and the trio, "The Body in the Bag."

The Prince's song, most charmingly sung, was encored "Go, Long, Mate," was one of Sambo's best efforts to a tune. "Shall I Have It

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Bobbed or Shingled?" a song which corresponded in purpose and mood to "She Sells Sea-Shells on the Seashore," was a priceless bit of melody by Mrs. Twankey; and a few minutes later the audience was applauding, not only the Twankeys, but also the British navy by Will Marshall as Jack. The duet, "He Went in Like a Lion," was a very clever demonstration of singing and pantomime by Bob Webb and George Brydson; and Peggy Lewis made the final individual bit of the evening when she sang with much gusto, "Oh, the Twiddle Hiss," although there still remained the male-voice quartette by Ernie Petch, George Brydson, Will Marshall and Bob Webb—"When Cassidy Went to Jail."

The pantomime cannot outstay its welcome.

B.C. CEMENT COMPANY HOSTS TO EMPLOYEES

Dinner Served to 250 Guests, and Christmas Tree for Children and Dance for Grown-Ups Follow

The fifth annual Christmas party of the British Columbia Cement Company, provided for the employees, their wives and families, was held at the Recreation Hall at Dumbarton on Tuesday evening. Shipper was served at 6 o'clock, and about two hundred and fifty persons were seated at the tables, which were tastefully decorated with Christmas colors and centered by bouquets of white chrysanthemums.

The party opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and then, after a short prayer of thanksgiving led by Mr. Middleton, the guests turned their attention to the array of dainty viands, to which full justice was done.

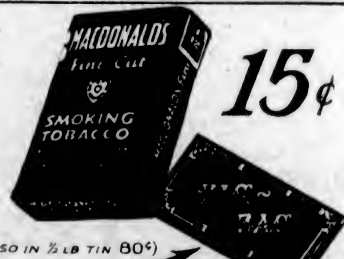
Following supper, Mr. H. Anderson, superintendent, thanked the employees for their co-operation and loyalty, his remarks meeting with many rounds of applause. Mr. E. V. Tomlin was the next speaker, his remarks being in humorous vein, which drew forth much merriment.

Mr. F. Higgs, on behalf of the employees, expressed appreciation of the kindness of the company and its officers, also paid a tribute to the social committee for the hours of labor spent in decorating the hall and tables for the Christmas fête.

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Three Pilgrims and a Tinker—Nay Burden
The Coming of Anna—W. J. Locke
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The Old Men of the Sea—Compton Mackenzie
The Golden Ladder—Robert Hughes
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City & District

King's Daughters—The monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will take place on Monday afternoon at 2:30.

Theosophical Society—The Victoria Theosophical Society, Independent, will hold a public meeting on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the rooms, 101 Union Bank Building. "The Tree of Life" by Charles Johnson, will be the subject of the evening. There will be the usual time given to questions and discussion. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

Mentally Unbalanced—Walter Taddie, who, without any evident motive for doing so, broke a number of store windows, is now held to be mentally unbalanced. This was the statement made by the City Prosecutor, Mr. C. L. Harrison, yesterday morning when Taddie's case was again called in the police court. Mr. Harrison asked for a remand until the following day. He said that further medical examination was being made and reports would be produced. The adjournment was granted.

Dance Tonight—The "Saturday Night Dancing Club" regular dance will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening at the home of Mrs. Simpson, who is in charge of these affairs. Reports that the dances are growing in popularity as the season advances and an exceptionally large turnout is expected tonight. The music for the evening will be in the capable hands of Ray Kinloch. The following day, this attention is being paid to the lighting effects, and a very pleasing result is anticipated.

Fire Hydrant Broken—When two automobiles collided at the corner of Fernwood Road and Pembroke Street about midnight last night, one was thrown to the side of the intersection with such force that a fire hydrant there was snapped off. A column of water gushed many feet in the air and the vicinity resembled a floodswamp area until an officer of the city waterworks department succeeded in shutting down the pressure. None of the passengers were hurt and neither vehicle was badly damaged.

St. Paul's Lutheran—The Christmas concert of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner Princess Avenue and Chambers Street, will be given Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock by the members of the Sunday school, assisted by the choir. The Christmas story will be told in verse and song amid beautiful decorations suggestive of the festive season. The large Christmas tree will be lit during the singing of "Joy to the World." At the close of the service the treat for the members of the Sunday school will be distributed and bags of candy and nuts will be provided for all other children present.

Anti-Financial Meeting—The Dominion will soon be taking the vote which is to decide the destiny of the historic Presbyterian Church of Canada. A great deal of literature has been circulated during the past few weeks and many meetings have been held with the object of placing the situation before those who are to vote. A meeting of all over the province will be held in First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, when addresses will be given in opposition to the union by the Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., Vancouver, and the Rev. David Lister, of Nanaimo. Dr. McLaren's address should be of interest, as he was at one time secretary of the union committee, but is now advocating the continuation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Annual Tree—This evening the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School will hold the annual Christmas entertainment in the church hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. A most attractive and unique programme has been arranged for this event and all departments will be represented on the programme, from the primary to the Y.P.D. The items will include drama, action, songs, dialogues, sketches, etc., and those attending will be assured of a real good time. The Christmas tree will be present and will have some good things to give away. Santa Claus will appear in a sketch entitled "Arrival of Santa at the Railroad Terminal." This will be presented by a number of the young people of the church. Another interesting and amusing sketch will be a "Baritone Radio Concert," staged by John Gough and members of the On-Wave Club. The Sunday School choir will sing a number of carols. During the evening awards will be presented to successful scholars at the Sunday School Bible examinations held during the year. Those desiring a good seat at this concert are advised to come early as it is fully expected that the hall will be filled to capacity by starting time.

SNOW FALL PLUNGES CITY INTO DARKNESS

Victoria was in total darkness for a few minutes last night following a break in the Brentwood high tension line of the B. C. Electric Railway. Lights all over the city went out as sharply as if turned off with a switch. It was the weather, however, that was responsible. The weight of falling snow at Brentwood was believed early this morning to have been the main cause of the break. The company brought reserve lines into use within two or three minutes of the accident, quickly reillumination the city.

HAMILTON, Dec. 26—Jimmy Gardner's fast-going Tigra provided a true holiday bill for the fans here last night by swamping Bluffs under an 8-1 score.

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LONE THIEF ROBS EIGHT RESIDENCES

HOUSES ENTERED IN SAANICH CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Two Homes in City and Two in Oak Bay Ransacked During Night Before Holiday

No fewer than eight households in Victoria, Oak Bay and Saanich were burglarized during Christmas Eve and Christmas night, according to reports received yesterday by the Victoria police department. Detectives who have investigated the places entered are of the opinion that each job was done by a lone crackman. Of the eight robberies, four were in Saanich, two were in Oak Bay and two were in the city. The four latter robberies were committed on Christmas Eve, and the Saanich burglaries Christmas night.

At 1422 Barclay Street the thief entered the home of Mr. Frank Hooper by jimmying a bedroom window. He took \$35 in cash and a certain amount of jewelry.

In Oak Bay the crackman commenced operations at 2121 Sutherland Road, the residence of Mrs. Johnson, and obtained some jewelry. The second Oak Bay home to fall a victim to the marauder was that of Mr. M. Robillard, 129 Heath Drive, where again jewelry was taken.

In spite of the fact that he ransacked four houses in his search, the thief secured little booty, \$35 in cash being the total value of his haul. On Christmas Day he broke into four residences in Saanich for a net haul of \$40 and some copper, all during night hours.

From the home of Mr. Hansen, 1422 Heath Drive, the thief secured \$40 in cash. In the Johnston Residence on Vincent Avenue and the Maclean home on Colquhoun Avenue the thief passed, found 50 cents. He added it to his collection for the evening. Jewelry was taken wherever found.

CHRISTMAS HOCKEY

SASKATOON, Dec. 26—Yuletide hockey entertainment was wrapped up in about fifteen minutes of wild-eyed excitement that prevailed in the third period of the Saskatoon-Edmonton duel here yesterday afternoon. Duke Keale and his fast skating Eskimos took the joy out of the festive occasion by defeating the Shablers 3-2 in a game of pro hockey that provided thrills, spills, cheers and jeers. Goal Summary: 1st period, 1, Saskatoon, Cameron; 4:53, 2, Edmonton, Sheppard; 10:36, 3, Edmonton, Simpson, from McCormick; 4:25, Second period, 4, Edmonton, Simpson; 18:50, Third period, 5, Saskatoon, F. Cook from W. Cook, 17 minutes.

CALGARY, Dec. 26—Calgary Tigers were beat Christmas Day by Regina 3-1, in the Western Canada Hockey League fixture. Goal Summary: First period, 1, Regina, Hay; 12:20, Second period, Regina, McVeigh from Dutkowski; 16:25, Third period, 3, Calgary, Crawford, 11:13, 1, Regina, Irwin from McVeigh, 2:40.

THE WEATHER

Rain is falling on the coast in advance of an ocean storm, which may cause milder weather tomorrow. Another pronounced cold wave is becoming general on the interior.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	24	32
Winnipeg	24	32
Edmonton	24	32
Calgary	24	32
Saskatoon	24	32
Regina	24	32
Weyburn	24	32
Swift Current	24	32
Yorkton	24	32
Northey	24	32
Estevan	24	32
Delisle	24	32
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ENGLISH ELEVEN PILING UP RUNS

STUTLITTE MAKES CENTURY IN SECOND INNINGS

Score Is 363 for Eight Wickets—Woolley Is Not Out 94—Large Attendance

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 26—Superb batting by Hobbs and Stutcliffe today marked England's second innings in the initial cricket test match with Australia which, it is expected, will be finished tomorrow. England went to bat on Wednesday faced with the formidable task of amassing 665 runs to win, and, when stumps were pulled this evening, they had secured 362 for the loss of eight wickets. Woolley was batting brilliantly when adjournment for the day took place, having scored 94 runs during the four hours and fifty minutes he was at bat.

There was a much improved attendance over Wednesday, 29,000 persons watching the game today.

The score in England's second innings:

Hobbs, c Hendry, b Mailey	57
Stutcliffe, c Gregory, b Mailey	115
Hearne, c Gregory	110
Chapman, c Oldfield, b Hendry	44
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Woolley, not out	94
Sandham, c Oldfield, b Mailey	2
Tate, c Ponsford, b Kelleway	0
Gilligan, b Kelleway	1
Freeman, not out	33
Extras	7
Total, for 8 wickets	363

CUP SEMI-FINAL WON BY VETERANS

SCORE THREE TO TWO AFTER HARD GAME

Services Start Two Men Short and Finish With Only Ten, Armstrong Being Hurt

The Veterans soccer eleven gained the right to enter the final of the Combination Cup by defeating the United Services on Christmas day at the Royal Athletic Ground. It was one of the hardest fought soccer battles in the history of local soccer.

Start Short-Handed

The Services men were greatly handicapped by the absence of Zanelli and Sargent, and as a result they had to start with nine men. After fifteen minutes of play, Cozier arrived on the scene, making ten, and eventually Wyllie filled up and made the eleventh man.

Under such a handicap, the Services men put up a game fight, and their opponents' claret was in danger on numerous occasions. Mistakes still pursued the combined defensive eleven, when Armstrong, playing inside right, had to leave the field as the result of an accident. The game continued with the eventual losers playing with ten men.

Southern Scores

Twenty-five minutes of play elapsed before the Vets found the goal, when Southern scored when at close range with the net custodian helpless to save. This lead on the part of the redshirts was short-lived, however, and Cozier, outside left for the Services, put the teams on even terms when he beat Bridges with a hot shot. Half-time came with no further scoring.

In the second half, the play was of a give and take nature, which resulted in the redshirts gaining a couple of goals, while their opponents were content with a single tally. Erskine registered the goals for the Veterans with two well-placed shots, while the Services men scored from a corner kick, which was taken by Cummings and headed into the net by Coulter. With the score 3-2 against them, the Services men put up a hard fight in the concluding stages of the game, but Fate said no, and they had to walk off the field tattered, Payne refereed, and the teams were.

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Year-End Sale of Women's Coats and Dresses

Specials in Groceries and Provisions

Hudson's Bay Seal of Quality Creamery Butter, per lb.	45c
3 lbs. for	\$1.30
No. 1 Quality Alberta Creamery Butter, per lb.	42c
3 lbs. for	\$1.23
Pure Bulk Lard, per lb.	21c
3 lbs. for	60c
Machine Sliced Ayrshire Roll, lb.	30c
Finest Quality Breakfast Side Bacon at, per lb.	33c
Finest Peameal Back Bacon, lb.	35c
Old Canadian Cheese, per lb.	32c
Little Pig Pork Sausages, per lb.	23c
2 lbs. for	45c
Hudson's Bay Special Breakfast Tea, per lb.	55c
3 lbs. for	\$1.60
Hudson's Bay Freshly Roasted Pure Coffee, per lb.	45c
Finest Quality B.C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. paper sack	\$1.53
Shirriff's Seville Orange Marmalade, 4-lb. tin	75c
King Beach Brand Pure Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. tin	75c
Cresca Brand Stuffed Figs, bottle	75c
Libby's Queen Olives, 15-oz. bottle	50c
New Season's Smyrna Table Figs, per lb.	30c, 40c and 50c
Campbell's Tomato Soup, new season's pack	2 tins for 25c
Grantham's Ginger Punch, bottle	35c and 45c

Fruit and Vegetables

California Navel Oranges, per doz.	25c, 35c and 50c
Florida Grapefruit, each	10c and 15c
Fancy Dessert Apples, 3 lbs. for	25c
Red Emperor Grapes, per lb.	20c
Cape Cod Cranberries, per lb.	25c
White and Green Cabbage, per lb.	5c
Finest Celery, per stick	15c
California Head Lettuce, per head	10c
Okanagan Cooking Onions, 8 lbs.	25c

Week-End Specials in Drug Sundries

Epsom Salts, 2 lbs. for	19c
Eno's Fruit Salts	98c
Wampole's Grape Salts	50c
A. B. S. & C. Tablets, 100 for	19c
Throat Tablets, 25c value	19c
Throat Gargle, 35c value	29c
Liquid Petrolatum, heavy, 85c value	59c
Wampole's Cod Liver Extract	\$1.00
Genuine French Castile Soap, large bars	45c
Brilliantine, 50c value	45c
Talcum Powders, assorted colors	25c
Lipoline Tooth Paste, 25c value	19c
Perfumed Tooth Paste	45c
Colgate's Dental Cream	25c
Pond's Vanishing Cream, 50c value	45c
Labelle Face Cream	37c
Witch Hazel Hand Lotion, 35c value	27c
Kennedy's Tonic	98c



Year-End Sale of Men's Winter Footwear

Men's Strong Work Boots and Business Boots

Heavy Black Box Kip Work Boots, in Blucher style, leather lined vamp and double slip sole, half bellows tongue; also boots for business wear, heavy soles, Blucher style. Sizes 7 to 10½. Sale Price, per pair

\$2.98

Black and Brown Calfskin Boots

Smart looking boots in the favorite Blucher style, lined with fine quality leather, heavy double welted soles, round toe last. Sizes 6½ to 10½. Sale Price, per pair

\$4.98

Men's Brown Willow Calfskin Brogues

In the newest brogue perforations, 18-gauge oak tanned soles, full calf leather lined. Choice of medium and full round toe. Sizes 6 to 11. Sale Price, per pair

\$5.98

Men's High-Grade Black Calfskin Boots

Made in England expressly for Hudson's Bay Company. They have the famous Dripped damp-proof soles, Blucher style with bellows tongue. Sizes 6 to 10½. Sale Price, per pair

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150 Plain and Fur-Trimmed Coats

In Four Groups Priced for a Quick Clearance

Group 1

Coats, Values to \$22.50 for \$13.95

These are made of fine quality blanket and polo cloth. Some with full fur collars in wrap-over style. Others are tailored with loose back, mannish collar and sleeves. Trimmings include embroidery, stitching and bands of fur. Come in shades of fawn, grey, taupe and brown. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to \$22.50. Year-End Sale Price, each

\$13.95

Group 2

Coats, Values to \$25.00 for \$15.95

Fashionable Coats in all-wool velour and cut velour. New styles with side fastening and collars of beaverine fur, with trimmings of cable stitching and embroidery. Also tailored coats with trench back, raglan sleeves and leather buttons. In all the newest shades. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to \$25.00. Year-End Sale Price, each

\$15.95

Group 3

Coats, Values to \$35.00 for \$19.95

Fine Quality Coats in suede finished and cut velour, polo cloth, English blanket cloth, etc. Some are trimmed with large fur collar and cuffs, bands of embroidery on skirt and sleeves; other plainer styles have bands of fur on collar and large button trimming. In shades of grey, sand, taupe, brown and many others. Sizes to 40. Values to \$35.00. Year-End Sale Price, each

\$19.95

Group 4

Coats, Values to \$49.50 for \$29.95

In materials of velour, velvabloom, duvetyn, cut velour and Teddy Bear cloth. Very handsome styles trimmed with fur, heavy embroidery and new pleats and buttons. Others without fur have graceful shoulder capes, soft crush collars and are trimmed with bands of self material, stitching, etc. Extra well lined. In shades of grey, cocoa, brown, bronze, taupe, sage and fawn. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to \$49.50. Year-End Sale Price, each

\$29.95



YEAR-END MILLINERY SALE



Hundreds of Hats to Choose From—Many at Less Than Half Price

All Ready-to-Wear Hats, including stylish models in Lyons' velvet, combinations of felt and velvet and plain velvets in a choice assortment of colors. Values to \$8.50. Year-End Sale

\$2.50



Women's and Misses' Trimmed Hats in Three Groups

Values to \$10.00. Sale Price ... **\$4.98**
Values to \$13.00. Sale Price ... **\$6.98**
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Great Clearance of Children's Winter Hats

In shapes and styles to suit girls from 4 to 14 years of age. Scores to choose from; all better grade hats. Values to \$8.50. Year-End Sale

\$2.50

Year-End Sale of Girls' Wear

Coats, Dresses, Skirts and Sweaters Offering at Extraordinary Reductions

Children's Reelers, Values to \$11.50 for \$5.98

Made from best quality chinchilla cloth in red quily, with black velvet or self collar, double breasted and all round belt. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 years. Values to \$11.50. Sale Price, each

\$5.98

Blanket Cloth Coats, Values to \$5.50 for \$3.79

In good quality blanket cloth, belted style, with convertible collar. Others with deep cape collar. Lined throughout with flannelette. Come in shades of tan, blue, taupe and scarlet. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Values to \$5.50. Sale Price, each

\$3.79

Children's Dresses, Values to \$5.95 for \$3.49

In good quality navy serge, with pleated skirt, bodice trimmed with silk braid or embroidery also a few flannel dresses. In shades of sand, pink, blue, taupe and scarlet. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Values to \$5.95. Sale Price, each

\$3.49

Girls' Dresses, Values to \$11.50 for \$5.49

In good quality flannel or homespun, straight style, with all round belt. Others with pleated skirts. Shades of rose, blue, sand, scarlet and green. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Also a few blouson dresses in wool crepe in pretty soft shades. Values to \$11.50. Sale Price, each

\$5.49

Girls' Dresses, Values to \$21.00 for \$10.49

In the group are wool crepe, flannel, serge and taffeta silk dresses. All smart styles. In shades of sand, cocoa, henna, navy, grey and sage. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Values to \$21.00. Sale Price, each

\$10.49

Girls' Serge Skirts, \$1.69

In durable quality navy serge, attached to white cotton bodice. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Sale Price, each

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Girls' Flannel Skirts, Values to \$3.50 for \$2.89

Well Pleated Skirts in durable quality flannel, detachable bodice of white cotton. Come in tan, grey and navy. In sizes 8 to 14 years. Values to \$3.50. Sale Price, each

\$2.89

Girls' Raincoats, \$2.79

In good quality Paramatta cloth. Well cut garments, with plaid lined hood. In navy or fawn. Sizes 2 to 14 years. Sale Price, each

\$2.79

Girls' Fur-Trimmed Coats, Values to \$12.95 for \$8.98

Smart little coats in velour or blanket cloth, straight or belted styles, novelty pockets and stitching, fur collars and self cuffs. Others with fur collars and cuffs. Shades of tan, taupe and blue. Sizes 3 to 6 years. Values to \$12.95. Sale Price, each

\$8.98

Girls' Tailored Coats, Values to \$17.50 for \$11.98

In invisible plaids, smart tweeds or blanket cloth, with convertible collar, all round belt, slash or novelty patch pockets. Shades of grey, blue and tan. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Values to \$17.50. Sale Price, each

\$11.98

Girls' Fur-Trimmed Coats, Values to \$22.50 for \$14.98

All smart models, in good quality velour, straight or belted styles, plain or trimmed with novelty stitching; fur collars, full lined. Shades of beaver, tan, brown and navy. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Values to \$22.50. Sale Price, each

\$14.98



A Bargain in Girls' Sweaters

Heavy Brushed Wool Sweaters in pull-over or coat style. Choice of camel, brown and navy. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Values to \$3.75. Year-End Sale Price

\$2.39



Today's Special in Boys' Bloomers

Just 50 Pairs of Strong Tweed and Corduroy Bloomers, Sizes 33, 34 and 35 only. Regular \$2.75 value. Today, per pair

\$1.59

Year-End Sale of Men's Overcoats and Suits

Men's Heavy Winter Coats Regular \$35.00 for \$26.95

Tailored from All-Wool Burly Overcoatings, offering a choice variety of colorings, both light and dark, as well as navy blue. Some are lined to the waist with soft tan glove leather; all sizes included. Regular \$35.00 value. Year-End Sale

\$26.95

Men's English Raglan Overcoats, \$12.95

Cut in a smart English raglan style, single breasted. Medium weight cloth in shades of grey, brown and green lovat. An excellent coat for this climate. Year-End Sale

\$12.95

Men's Serge and Worsted Suits Regular \$45.00 for \$29.65

Fine Hand-Tailored Suits of high-grade blue serge and worsted cloths. About 20 suits in the lot, most of them with an extra pair of trousers. Sizes 35, 36 and 37 only. Regular \$45.00. Year-End Sale

\$29.65

Men's \$60.00 Dress Suits for \$25.95

Sizes 37 and 39 only. Beautifully tailored from fine English Vicuña Cloth and lined with silk. Only three or four suits left, so be early. Regular \$60.00 value. Clearing today

\$25.95



Toys at Half Price

Santa Claus has left us with a quantity of Toys to dispose of and in accordance with our usual after Christmas custom we are offering them for clearance at

Half Regular Prices

This applies to our whole stock of Christmas Toys with the exception of wheel goods.

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Social Events

Government House

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Walter Nichol entertained at dinner at Government House on Christmas night. The rooms were effectively decorated with holly wreaths and evergreens, and the table was charmingly arranged with poinsettias, while the lights were shaded with red shades. In addition to His Honor and Mrs. Nichol, Mr. John Nichol, Miss Marquitta Nichol and Mrs. Montgomerie, those present included Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hammon, Mr. and Mrs. Seale, Lieut.-Col. Villiers, Mr. and Mrs. Van Hogen, Mrs. H. H. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Major Gus Lyons, Mr. P. F. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Barbara Gibson, Master Gibson, Miss Montie, Mr. R. Baird, Mr. H. Crane, Mr. Carew Martin, and others.

GULF ISLAND SERVICE

In addition to the service operated by the S.S. Otter to Gulf Island points from Victoria every Monday at 7:15 a.m. and Wednesday at 8 a.m., the S. S. Charnier leaves Victoria every Tuesday at 12 noon, calling at Port Washington, Ganges Harbor, Mayne Island, thence to Vancouver, arriving there about 8:30 p.m. The Charnier also leaves Vancouver every Monday at 8:30 a.m., calling at these points arriving at Victoria about 4:30 that afternoon.

At Empress Hotel

The Empress Hotel proved a popular rendezvous for a large number of guests on Christmas night. The dining-room and ballroom, where dancing took place during the evening, were effectively decorated with holly and evergreens, while scarlet Christmas bells and poinsettias added a bright touch of color. Among the many who were present were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Macleod, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Phillips, Mr. Justice and Mrs. F. B. Gregory and family and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Winslow and family; Capt. G. H. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Johnston, Major Englewood, Mr. F. E. Mason, Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Major E. J. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jackson, Mr. C. A. Cornwall, Capt. and Mrs. Parsons and party, Mr. and Mrs. Cole and party, Mrs. Ricardo and party, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Walbrath, Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston, Mrs. Ilipett-Skinner and Mr. Skinner, Mr. Barton, Mr. A. M. Perry, Major and Mrs. Monk and party, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Johnson and Mrs. H. Aylliffe Lanford (Vancouver); Mrs. G. E. McCulloch, whose guests included Miss Beryl McCulloch, Miss Leslie Warnock, Miss Peggy Hodgins, and Messrs. Dick and Edgell, Halford, Edward, Elderton, Col. and Mrs. A. E. Hodgins and their two sons, Tom and "Tohy"; Capt. and Mrs. A. de M. Mellin, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Montisambert and others.

their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sanford, of Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hargrave and Mr. Jack Hargrave, and many others.

James Bay Hotel

The formal opening of the James Bay Hotel, which has recently been taken over under new management, was celebrated on Christmas night, when dinner was served to over ninety guests, and followed by a dance when the music was supplied by the band of the 16th Battalion, Canadian Trench, the rooms were charmingly and most effectively decorated with poinsettias and narcissus. Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. Wolfenden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and family, Mr. and Mrs. Streetfield, the Misses Streetfield, Colonel and Mrs. David Donald, Miss Jean Donald, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Nelson (Kelowna), Major and Mrs. Goodlove, Major and Mrs. Cuthbert Holmes, Commander and Mrs. Hecch, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. S. Oliver, Dr. and Mrs. Denton Holmes and party, Colonel and Mrs. Wilby, Mrs. Dobel, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dives, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bolton, Mrs. Innes and family, Miss Hunt, Miss "Tinker" Jones, Miss Kitty Campbell, Mrs. E. M. E. McCulloch, Colonel Ross, Mr. W. P. D. Pemberton, Mr. Henry Heltzer, Mr. Gow, Capt. Merston and many others.

Hosts at Dance

Tuesday evening was the occasion of a delightful dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Priestley, Foul Bay Road, when they entertained for the pleasure of their daughter Madeline. The rooms were artistically decorated with evergreen and holly. During the evening a delicious buffet supper was served. Those present were: Mrs. Player, Mrs. Curver, Miss Allie Linnmer, Miss May Murrie, Miss Winnie Ferriman, Miss Maria Milby, Misses Elsie and Dulcie Jenkins, Miss Margaret Stevenson, Miss Edna Oliver, Miss Muriel Banfield, Miss Violet Harper, Misses Vivian and Margaret Matthews, Miss Julia Angus and Miss Amy Richardson; Mr. Clem Loughlin, Mr. A. Food, Mr. Stanley Carver, Mr. A. Saunders, Mr. James Underwood, Mr. Owen Fowler, Mr. R. Carver, Mr. Francis Play, Mr. Percy Owen, Mr. Lionel Huxtable, Mr. Ray Blagfield, Mr. Elliott Player, Mr. E. Corby, Mr. Herbert Robinson, and others.

From Vancouver

Mrs. J. West Miller is spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patrick, "Cherry Bank." In compliment to their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick entertained at dinner recently, followed by a delightful musical evening at "Cherry Bank." Vancouver guests for the evening were Colonel and Mrs. Victor Odium.

Extends Thanks

Mrs. J. H. Ingham, of the Catholic Ladies' Aid of the Catholic Church, wishes most gratefully to thank the merchants and business men, the Catholic Women's League, the boys of St. Louis' College, and all others, who so very generously donated meal, money and groceries to provide boxes for over sixty families.

Dinner Hostess

Miss Austen Leigh entertained at dinner last evening at the Union Club, when her guests were Colonel and Mrs. Wilby, Major and Mrs. Cuthbert Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Austen Leigh and Captain Merston.

Children's Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sutherland and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hammond were hosts at a delightful children's party on Christmas night at the former's home on Foul Bay Road. The rooms were prettily arranged with Christmas decorations.

At "The Angela"

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kent entertained at dinner at "The Angela" on Christmas night, and a few additional guests arrived later for an informal dance which was held there. Miss Main supplied the music.

Returns to City

Mr. Gordon Peterson has returned to the city from the Fraser River Valley, where he has been for the past month, and is spending the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. T. W. Peterson, Uplands.

From Vancouver

Major and Mrs. Leonard Andrews and their little son, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guests of the latter's parents, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Tolmie, Cloverdale Avenue.

From Saskatchewan

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ogilvie and their small son, of Lake Lenore, Sask., are visitors in the city and are the guests of Mrs. Ogilvie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, 1343 Pembroke Street.

Visit Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gowen and Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford Pennell left on Christmas afternoon for Vancouver, where they will visit relatives for a few days.

From Vancouver

Miss D. Nicol and Mr. E. Nicol, of Vancouver, are spending Christmas holidays with their aunts, the Misses Belle and Jessie Nicol, 397 Ross Street.

In Vancouver

Mrs. J. B. Mercer and her sons, Herbert and Jack, and her daughter, Dorothy, are spending Christmas holidays in Vancouver, guests of Mrs. H. H. Duke.

At Park View Lodge

Miss Anderson, of Christchurch, New Zealand, is spending her Christmas holidays in Victoria, and is a guest at Park View Lodge, Douglas Street.

From New Westminster

Miss Collingridge, teacher of the piano at the staff of Columbian College, New Westminster, is spending the holidays with friends in Victoria.

Vancouver Visitor

Miss Mary Martin-Giffin, of Vancouver, is in the city as the guest of Miss Cassie Holmes, of the James Bay Hotel.

From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Chaytor Payne, of Vancouver, are spending a few days in the Capital.

Few Days' Visit

Mrs. E. M. Johnson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wilmont, Sylvia Court, Vancouver, for a few days.

Vancouver Visitor

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peters and Mrs. H. Aylliffe Langford, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Back From Alberta

Miss Dora Rogers has arrived home from Alberta, and is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rogers, Quadra Street.

Returns to Nelson

Mr. Thomas Temple is returning to Nelson this afternoon after spending Christmas with his parents.

J.B.A.A. ACHIEVES SUCCESS WITH DANCE

Hundreds of Guests Participate in Function Held Last Night at Empress Hotel

Last year the J. B. A. A. inaugurated its Boxing Day dance, which met with considerable success, but it is safe to state that last night's dance held by the same association, was even more successful and was enjoyed by hundreds of guests who danced from 9 until after 2 this morning to the strains of Hunt's euphoniums, who were in the best of form and extremely generous with their music.

The large ballroom of the Empress Hotel, where the dance took place, was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large throng of guests, and the committee in charge was the recipient of numbers of flattering compliments due to the excellence of the dance and the careful plans carried out by the members for the complete enjoyment of their guests.

The very effective Christmas decorations arranged by the hotel staff assisted in giving the ballroom and palm-room an appropriate and effective setting for the dance, which was most certainly one of the most delightful affairs held by the J. B. A. A. for some considerable time.

Members of the committee who were responsible for the very enjoyable dance included Messrs. O. C. Walks, H. L. Johnson, Charles Fraser, Rud. Hocking, Ben McMillan and Robert Travis. Among those who were present last night were: Hon. T. G. and Mrs. Ceventry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Travis, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Tolmie, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Ford, Mrs. J. O. Cameron, Miss Eileen Watts, Miss Carol Tolmie, Miss Marjorie Bell, Miss Gertrude Nelson, Miss Marjorie Broley, Miss Vera Ryder, Miss Dorothy and Allison Ray, Miss Margaret McMullen, Miss Dorothy Pandray, Miss Ella Simpson, the Misses Stevenson, Miss Betty Savannah, Messrs. Morris Humber, K. Eaton, Arthur Heron, Arthur Walls, E. Money, Dr. Claude Smey, W. Hughes, B. McMullan, Charles Fraser, George Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Riddell, "Dad" Hartley, Frederick Pauline, Richard Raymond, Harold Colman and Irving McDermott.

CARNIVAL SPIRIT REIGNS AT DANCE

Civil Service Association Holds Very Enjoyable Fancy Dress Affair at Alexandra House

The spirit of Carnival reigned with undiminished sway over the Alexandra House ballroom last night, when the Civil Service Association entertained a large number of guests at an exceptionally delightful and picturesque fancy dress dance.

The majority of the guests appeared in fancy costumes, and the scene was one of animated gaiety, the brilliant colors of the dresses, and the special lighting effects (managed by Mr. Young) adding much to the charming ensemble.

For the occasion the hall had been decorated with cedar fronds and masses of palms, which formed a pretty background for the dancers, who thoroughly enjoyed the splendid programme of music supplied by Prescott's Symphony Dance Orchestra.

Supper was served under the capable management of the Alexandra House, and a feature of the evening was the special dancing performed by Mr. Mecreedy and Mademoiselle Daphne, who gave intricate steps in modern fox-trotting.

The success of the dance reflects great credit on the work of the committee in charge, under the leadership of Mr. C. H. Paterson, assisted by Miss Marjorie Holmes, Miss W. Middleton, Messrs. A. E. Thompson, W. H. Currie, W. H. Stokes and A. M. D. Fairbairn, secretary. Mr. Partridge was responsible for the effective scheme of decoration.

The many guests present last night included Mr. and Mrs. Unsworth, Miss Charles Gray, Messrs. C. V. and M. Doane, Mr. Dalby, Miss Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Currie, Miss K. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Morris, Mr. Walter Redford, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brydges, Mr. and Mrs. Haugh-Allen, Miss Dumbarton, Mr. and Mrs. York, Mr. G. Wallace, Mr. Allan Descon, Miss Woods, Messrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Downes, Miss Donvagh, Miss Eastman, Mr. W. Hale, Mr. Sayer, Miss Peggy Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hopper, Mr. J. R. Kerr, Mr. Aubrey Archibold, Mr. Fred Maynard, Miss Maynard, Miss I. D. Todd, Mr. Mitchell, Miss Agnes Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young, Miss Edna Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Miss Doris Allen, Miss Marjorie Holmes, Miss Madge Wolfenden, Miss Nellie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Winaby, Mr. A. M. D. Fairbairn, Mr. and Mrs. Neilson, Miss Olive Duncaif, Mrs. Tuck, Miss Kinloch, Mr. and Mrs. Tyldesley, Miss Redfern, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lindsay, Mr. Murray, Mr. Echam, Mr. Collins, and many others.

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DARDANELLES VENTURE UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED

In the following statement of extracts from "The Diary of Lord Bessie of Thame, 1914-1918," the former British Ambassador in Paris remarks on the disappearance of secrecy during the war, and more again complains of Winston Churchill.

MARCH 27, 1915.—Millerand told me this morning that tomorrow there is to be a meeting at Chantilly between him, Kitchener, Joffre and French. I wonder if they will come to an understanding; he seems satisfied with the progress made. Disclosures have been made to the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber, by Delcasse, concerning Constantinople and the Straits; nothing is kept secret here, nor much in London. The Dardanelles expedition was known only to the inner ring; Louis Mallet heard of it at a dinner from Leo de Rothschild, who had learned it from Alfred de R., who may have picked up the information in the course of his daily visits to Kitchener, at the War Office, and 10 Downing Street.

There is no such thing as a secret, nowadays. Only one woman do I know who does not talk.

April 3, 1915.—Here and there and everywhere Winston Churchill rushes in; he is disastrously impulsive. I hear that he was so much impressed by the early doings of the ships' guns against the Dardanelles forts that he wished at once to order the bombardment of Heligoland and Cuxhaven, entirely oblivious of the fact that there are German ships to aid in their defence, whereas the Turks have nothing of any consequence except the lame ducks Breslau and Goeben.

Poincare Was Ironical
April 14, 1915.—Colonel House, President Wilson's intimate friend, who has been in London, Paris and Berlin, on a fishing expedition to ascertain how American intervention would be appreciated, was at the Elisee yesterday.

I understood that he does not think from his Berlin visit, that the opportunity for intervention has yet arrived. Who, except perhaps Wilson and Co., could suppose that it had, or ever will? Let the Americans mind their own business, and keep their own Germans in order.

Poincare congratulated me on my having said (as he had learnt) in August apropos of airplanes endeavoring to drop bombs on the Elisee: "Poincare que n'en vise pas!" (Here's hoping they shoot straight.) I said that I had heard of the saying being attributed to me, but that many things which I have not said had been put to my credit.

Poincare regretted that I was not the author of "un mot si spirituel." (So witty a phrase.) How things run around. Madame de Chevaline swears that I said it at a dinner at her house in August!

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Churchill Played Ostrich
May 6, 1915.—Winston Churchill sent a message through the Naval Attache that he had no time to call himself; he is by way of being incognito and calls himself Spencer, but he lodges at the Ritz, entertained half a dozen navals at luncheon, and dined tonight with his counterpart; a sort of ostrich with its head in the sand.

There has been a stormy sitting of the Senate at which the methods of the Minister of War have been severely criticised. Inadequate supplies of munitions, burnings of guns, faulty shells, etc.

At that Ministry, in the office of the Director-General of Artillery Supplies, there was lately a violent altercation between him and the manager of the Creusot Works: the former said to the latter that after the war there would be "trials and tribulations," the latter replied "Je m'espere, mon General, et que je commanderai le peloton d'execution." (I hope so, General, and also I shall be in command of the firing party.)

One of Tilton's staff told me, or rather asked me, the difference between the Triple Entente and marriage: "Marriage begins two and ends three; the Triplets began three and ends two."

Constantinople for Russia
May 8, 1915.—Winston Churchill paid a visit to Henry de Bretoul on Thursday. Complaints are made in London of French indiscretion: Winston Churchill told him that Russia is to have Constantinople and the Straits.

He defended the arrangement on the plea that Russia had been of great assistance in the war; he made great sacrifices, and must have her reward; that the Black Sea is a Russian lake, and Russia must have the key to it; that she will be a great Mediterranean power and cannot be cowed up in the Black Sea; that we must keep on good terms with her.

He hopes that, as a result of the war, there will be enough left of Germany to be a buffer state between Russia and the Western powers of Europe.

Yes, Russia will be made into a great Mediterranean power, with the Black Sea as her harbor of refuge, of which she will have the keys to keep others out and lock herself in, putting out into the Mediterranean for any purpose that may suit her, retreating into the safety of the Black Sea whenever she may please, and having the riverine of it under her thumb.

She will be quite unattackable for us; if one wishes to remain on good terms with a dangerous man, one must give him a sword and rest satisfied with the scabbard; it is a famous policy.

Horrible Over Lustania
May 9, 1915.—I cannot get away from the horror of the Lustania crime: it haunts me. It is unimaginable that there could be found, in these days of civilization, men desperate enough to order such a crime, and a people to acclaim it. Alas that it should not be likely that those responsible will be brought to justice, and meet their deserts! I do not think that war between the United States and Germany would be of advantage to us, for Americans could not aid in any fighting yet, and they would claim to join in settling the terms of peace.

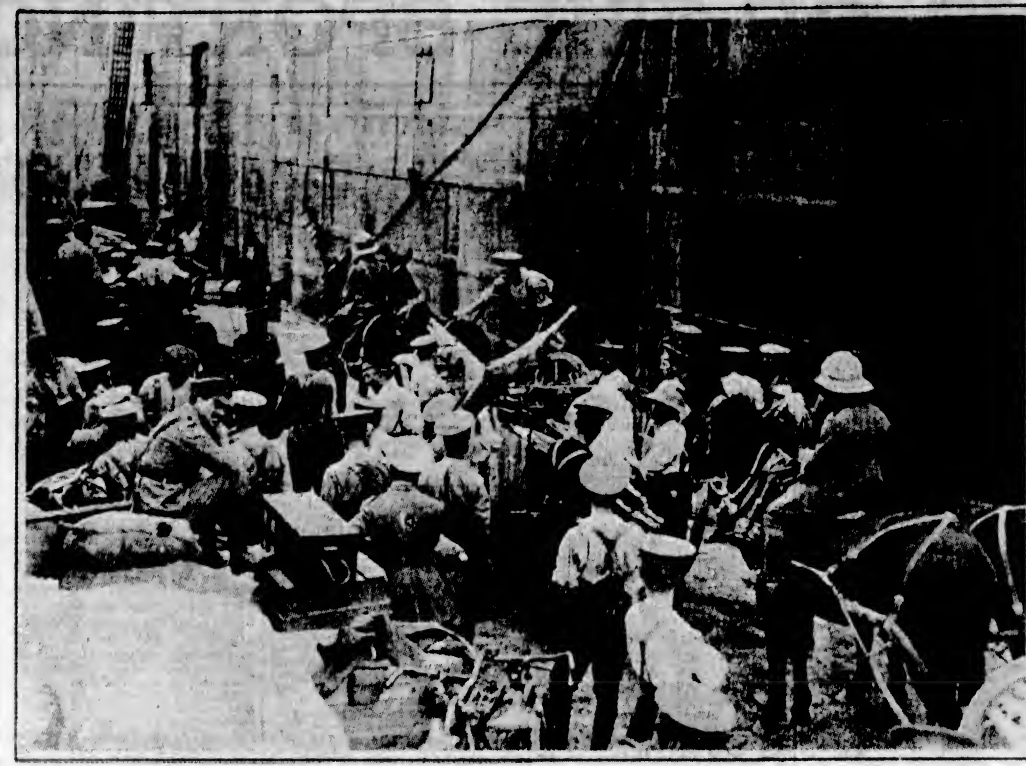
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living in German atrocities, and now I feel that I myself would, if I could, kill every combatant German that I might meet: what therefore most reasonably be the spirit of vengeance in those who have seen samples of German "Kultur?"

Was "Improving Serious"
May 15, 1915.—The Times of last night said that "l'etat du roi re Grece s'est sensiblement amelioré" (The condition of the King of Greece has improved sensibly)—which was rather like Alfred Montgomery asking, when inquiring after Mr. Gladstone, who had had a fall but was progressing towards recovery: "Is there no hope of erysipelas?"

Fluctuations in Cabinet

May 19, 1915.—Evidently there are great ructions in the Cabinet, at the Admiralty, at the War Office, and in the field of operations; in the political world much talk of changes in the Cabinet, and the introduction into it of some Unionists there, are also discussed.

Charlie Bessford (who has been here), with party feelings, is against coalition, though he calls his reasons patriotic; now, he says, the Ministry can be kept under some sort of control by public opinion, and by fear of being ousted from office; if there were a Coalition Ministry there would be nothing to substitute for it.

C. B. says that generals whom French sent home as useless have been reinstated, or promoted, by Kitchener, and that the relations between P. and K. are very strained, and there is discord between Sir Omer and some of the commands.

In the War Office there are also disagreements. Winston Churchill and Kitchener had fallen out: the former had started on the Dardanelles business saying that the Straits could be forced by ships; K. had been glad to hear it, but had not been consulted.

It is thought likely that Asquith may resign in order to reconstitute the Cabinet—Winston to drop out, and Bonar Law, Arthur Balfour, Lansdowne, and Chamberlain to be substituted, possibly for some of the weaker members of it. How disgusting and disgraceful are all these intrigues and squabbles in the midst of our life and death struggle with the Hun!

Kitchener Small Minded
May 21, 1915.—I fear that Winston will be continued in the Cabinet: here the feeling against him is strong, on account of his starting the naval attack on the Dardanelles without proper military support. The French Admiral is the Admiralty refused to send any but old ships to assist, for he considered the enterprise ill-conceived and hazardous.

May 23, 1915.—There seems to be a worship of Kitchener, but did he, or did he not, fail to meet the requirements of French for high explosives? If he failed, was it from obstinacy in favor of shrapnel, or from inability to manufacture the high explosive ones in sufficient quantity? Is Kitchener a great man? I don't think so: a good organizer, but small-minded.

Lost Big Opportunities
May 28, 1915.—I had to see the Minister for War this afternoon about a matter in which too much is expected by Lloyd George, of which presently. I had some private conversation with him: he wonders what K. means to do with 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 men whom he has collected in England. If he would send 200,000 of them to French, or as a separate unit somewhere along the line, the German line might be pierced. He has seen d'Amade, who says that if a division had been with the ships on the first bombardment of the Dardanelles a landing could easily have been made and a "coup de main" effected, for the Turks were quite unprepared. The delay between them and the arrival and landing of the Allied troops gave the Germans time to organize the Turks for resistance: he blames Winston for his rash and impulsive attempt at taking the Dardanelles by ships alone, the sacrifice of life has been great.

Made Unreasonable Request
The matter which took me to Millerand was the following: Lloyd George wants Thomas, the Socialist Deputy, recently appointed under-secretary for superintending the production of munitions, to go, accompanied by the Military Director of the Artillery Establishment and M. Renault, to London on Monday, to explain how to apply the private industrial factories to the production of the munitions of war.

This is not a reasonable request; five or six weeks ago L. G.'s committee wanted such information and sent two gentlemen to make inquiries

lest they were given all facilities: they visited Renault's and other private works, obtained all the information they required, and went away well satisfied.

Now Lloyd George wants to go over the same ground, and take them away from their work in France. Naturally Millerand cannot spare the Frenchmen in question: the officials cannot leave their work, and Renault has to attend daily conferences on munitions at the Ministry of War.

If Lloyd George and his committee are not content with the information procured by Messrs. Moir and Lobnitz they can send other experts to whom facilities will be given here.

Traveling in State

June 1, 1915.—Somebody in London has odd ideas as to what is seemly. The new Chancellor of the Exchequer (Reginald McKenna) is to meet his Italian counterpart on Friday, he is to be accompanied by four officials and two servants, he wishes to leave London on Thursday and to have a special train with restaurant car from Calais to Nice, where they must arrive at 10 a.m. on Friday.

I was to ask for such a special, and another for the return journey. I photographed the result yesterday (Monday) evening, which was that the special could be provided at the cost of £16,000. I thought that this would choke off the Chancellor of the Exchequer who evidently imagined



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that the French Government would provide the trains at their own cost for in a further telegram it was asked whether there would be any objection

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The French Government had explained that, were the railways to be used, State railways, the special could have been provided at a cheaper rate. The Chancellor of the Exchequer expressed gratitude for the offer, but on reconsideration proposed that arrangements should be made for a special train from Calais to Paris, to connect with the ordinary train leaving Paris for Nice. He will return by the ordinary train from Nice, but he wants a special from Paris to Boulogne, though the ordinary train would answer his purpose.

What would London say? If the French Minister of Finance desired to meet his Norwegian counterpart at Wick, and expected the British Government to provide and pay for a special from Folkestone to Wick and back?

Blushed for Country
June 4, 1915.—Really English Ministers make me blush for my country. Even Granville, who is a partisan, is ashamed of the performances of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Special berths were reserved for the party from Paris, and the "wagon" went by from "celnture" to the Gare de Lyon: they were expected to dine there at 7 p.m., and the restaurant car was to be attached at Marseilles; he refused to dine before 8 p.m., and the train was due to start at 8:05. When he

voting some of his time to the cultivation of flowers!

(To be Continued)

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AGED WOMEN ENJOY FITTING CHRISTMAS

Christmas was fittingly observed at the Aged Women's Home on Thursday. The large dining-hall, rotunda and approaches were artistically decorated with festoons of seasonal red and green, fine sprays of rich evergreen knotted with red, beginning as it did with delicious soup and ending with pineapple ice cream, a donation from the Northwestern Creamery, and an abundance of goodies such as dates, figs, raisins, candies, nuts, etc.

About fifty of the inmates were able to be at table to partake of the dinner. The remainder of the large family of sixty-three were served in their own apartments.

Amongst those serving were six members of the home committee, Mesdames Clay, Gould, Heddie, Wm. Grant, Harold Grant and Whittier, while the matron and all members of the home staff also assisted.

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Regina Performs at Local Rink Tonight

Victoria Cougars Will Entertain Prairie Team Here for First Time This Season—Capitals in Form and Hope to Humble Home Club—Lester's Boys Ready for Invaders—Big Crowd Will Watch Fracas

At 9 o'clock tonight, Victorians will for the first time this season witness one of the Prairie teams perform at the Willows Arena. The Regina Capitals are coming from their home in Saskatchewan, and will do their utmost to take a fall out of the men whom Lester Patrick has lined up in his quest for the championship of the Western Canada Hockey League this season.

Victoria fans know the kind of a team that Lester has. The Cougars showed themselves on Christmas Day and acquitted themselves with honor. Victoria is figuring on picking up two wins this week. They have already reached the half-way line in their objective, and say, "Heave, Regina!" on the morning of the day when the struggle between the Cougars and Capitals takes place.

By virtue of their win on Thursday the Cougars have advanced another two points, and are sitting pretty in second place, having eight points, tied with Calgary and Saskatoon. Edmonton reached the premier berth in their last game by defeating the Sheiks of Saskatoon, and boasting their total number of points to ten. Saskatoon and Edmonton also play tonight. If Victoria wins, and Saskatoon stops Edmonton, then Saskatoon, Edmonton and Victoria will be sharing the league leadership.

Regina going strong now. Regina started the season in poor fashion, losing three matches in a row. But they won their fourth game by trouncing Edmonton by the decisive count of seven goals to nil. And on Christmas Day the Regina puckchuckers met Calgary in the latter's stronghold and beat the Alberta outfit by three goals to one. The Capitals are going strong now, and will undoubtedly give Lester's lads a merry run tonight at the Willows.

Local fans will remember seeing the Regina Capitals here last season, and know what to expect when the Prairie players "do their stuff." The visitors have such formidable men as Ray Irving, Moran, Gagne and others who are good players, and who plan to bring Regina right up to the top of the circuit.

How They'll Line Up
Lester Patrick announced to the Victorians last night that he would likely start Harry Meeking and Harold Hart on the forward line tonight, although, the two former Seattle men, Jack Walker and Foyston, with the other players, will be in the spotlight often.

The teams will take the ice as follows:
Victoria..... Regina
Holmes..... Goal..... McKusker
Hudson..... Defence..... Newell
Fraser..... Defence..... Traub
Frederickson..... Defence..... Irving
Hart..... Forward..... Dugowski
Meeking..... Forward..... Hay
Loughlin..... Reserve..... Gagne
Walker..... Reserve..... McElwain
Anderson..... Reserve..... Moran
Foyston..... Reserve..... Shore

The demand for pastebards has been brisk at the hockey ticket office at Phipps & Ritchie, 611 View Street, and those wishing the best seats are advised to make their reservations there early today. A big crowd will be on hand to welcome Regina, and see how the Cougars and Regina stack up against one another.

German Soccer Team Wins From French

PARIS, Dec. 26.—For the first time since the war a French football team has visited the Rhineland to meet a German club. The Athletic club of the Fourteenth Ward, Paris, yesterday played the German club of Mayence at the latter city and was defeated, 6-2.

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TWO OUTSTANDING GAMES ON THE CARD

Notts County and West Bromwich Albion, Huddersfield Town and Newcastle United Today's Tit-Bits

By A. B. BROWN

THE Christmas tide soccer carnival in England will conclude this afternoon, and after three consecutive days of First Division games, there is certain to be a number of surprise results at the conclusion of the day's play. Three matches in as many days are bound to tell on the players. And in this connection it will be interesting to know the results of at least two outstanding games on Saturday's programme, namely, Notts County vs. West Bromwich Albion and Huddersfield Town vs. Newcastle United. These are the tit-bits of the afternoon.

Return Games

Both the foregoing engagements are return encounters, and each pair meet on the opening day of the season. It is also a coincidence that Notts County was the visiting side at West Bromwich and won 2-1, while Huddersfield went to Newcastle and won 2-1. Apart from the league championship issue, the games are doubly interesting in view of the previous matches.

Also Won "Away"

There are other games today where clubs won on their opponents' ground earlier in the year. For instance, Aston Villa is at home to meet Liverpool, whom the Villa beat at Anfield in August by 4-1. Then there is the match at Sheffield United, where the Blades beat Bramall by the Blackburnians.

Manchester City, who beat Burnley 2-0 at Gigg Lane on the opening Sunday of the season, play their game in Cottonopolis on Saturday.

The Arsenal, at home at Nottis Forest, was successful, too, in their away game at Nottingham, 2-0, in August.

Cardiff drew at Burnley in their previous meeting, and another divide may be the outcome in the contest on Saturday. The same story applies to the tussle between Everton and Birmingham.

First Division Card

The First Division games are as follows:
Arsenal vs. Notts Forest.
Aston Villa vs. Liverpool.
Blackburn Rovers vs. Sheffield United.
Bolton Wanderers vs. Tottenham Hotspurs.
Cardiff City vs. Burnley.
Everton vs. Birmingham.
Huddersfield vs. Newcastle United.
Manchester City vs. West Bromwich Albion.
Preston North End vs. West Ham United.
Sunderland vs. Leeds United.

Leaders Are Away

The two sides that are forcing the pace in the Second Division are "away" teams this week, and each is confronted with a stiff proposition. Derby County is due at Hull, where the Yorkshire team is capable of great things. Last week Sheffield Wednesday lost 4-2 at the seaport town.

Manchester United, beaten at Hareley by Port Vale a week ago, has to tackle even stronger opposition on Saturday at Rotherham. The City is a good side, as witness their big win at Derby the other day.

There will be much excitement and lots of lively soccer at the game in the "Black Country" between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Port Vale. Both did well last Saturday; the "Wolves" defeated Southampton 3-0, while the Vale beat Manchester United 2-1.

Portsmouth opened its Second Division career with a 2-0 win at South Shields. The club's first home match, Saturday, will be a very important one, as the Shields men have improved greatly, but Portsmouth has not maintained their opening successes.

Hartley and Middlesbrough will appeal to the Yorkshire soccer enthusiasts. The Boro has kept a middle course on the table, with faint chances of a return to the First Division. Barnsley, however, has spent most of their time this season among the bottom teams—quite contrary to former years, when they were generally challenging the top clubs for honors.

The Schedule
The Second Division games are:
Barnsley vs. Middlesbrough.
Clapton Orient vs. Blackpool.
Coventry City vs. Chelsea.
Fulham vs. Bradford City.
Hull City vs. Derby County.
Leicester City vs. Manchester U.
Oxford Athletic vs. Southampton.
Portsmouth vs. South Shields.
The Wednesday vs. Crystal Palace.
Stoke vs. Stockport County.
Wolverhampton W. vs. Port Vale.

Third Division
The outstanding game in the Southern Section of the Third Division is that between Swindon Town and Swansea. Both teams are going well, and each had convincing wins a week ago—Swansea over Plymouth and Swindon at Merthyr.

Bristol City is at home to Aberdare, while Plymouth is also on their own ground to Norwich City. Both are expected to be a struggle.

Up in the North, Darlington receive Grimsby Town, and ought to

GAME STARTS AT 9 P.M.

Tonight's hockey game between the Victoria Cougars and Regina Capitals will commence at 9 p.m. at the Willows Arena. The game is expected to be a very close one, and it is probable that it will remain in force the rest of the season.

The reason for the alteration in the usual time for commencing hockey games is owing to the fact that many of the stores will be open until a late hour, and so as not to interfere with the business of the merchants.

Many of the fans have told the local hockey skipper that if the games were called at 8:30 p.m. they would have to miss it. Seven of the games here this season will be played on Saturday evenings.

secure both points. New Brighton is at Bradford, where success is doubtful, but Rochdale appear to be safe at home against Hartlepool United.

Among the Scots

Glasgow Rangers' fine record should get another hitch up after their forthcoming game with Motherwell at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Perhaps the most interesting game on the card is that between Alderlie and Cowdenbeath. The Alderlie side has lost three games, and Cowdenbeath is one of the teams that beat the Broomfield men.

Another very fine match should be witnessed at Greenock, where Morton is at home to Dundee. The clubs have picked up wonderfully of late, their form being the feature of recent Scottish League football.

The Programme

The full list of games follows:
Alderslie vs. Cowdenbeath.
Falkirk vs. Third Lanark.
Hamilton A. vs. Ayr United.
Hearts vs. St. Mirren.
Kilmarnock vs. Partick Thistle.
Morton vs. Dundee.

Queen's Park vs. Hibernians.
Ruthfords vs. Celtic.
Rangers vs. Motherwell.
St. Johnstone vs. Aberdeen.

Death of E. C. Morley

E. C. Morley, one of the founders of the English Football Association, died the other day at Barnes, at the advanced age of ninety-four.

When Mr. Morley went to live at Barnes in 1858, matches were played regardless of rules. This was due to the fact that different schools had their own ideas of the game, but Mr. Morley took up the matter with the players and club officials. A meeting was called, and finally Mr. Morley undertook to draft the rules that formed the basis and ultimate formation of the English Football Association, one of the best conducted organizations in the world of sport.

Sheffield Wednesday

Once upon a time The Wednesday of Sheffield was as popular a team as any could be in England. Today, however, the famous old club is doing but moderately in Second Division football. This is what an English writer says of the club:

"These are dark days for Sheffield football, but the amazing thing is that public sentiment in the city is all for the Wednesday club, who play on that delightful ground at Hillsborough. The failures of the club to get back to its old place in the First Division is a source of regret to many."

"Money has been spent lavishly in an effort to regain the old status; the team has on its books five international players, three English, one Scottish and one Welsh, and there is adequate reserve talent."

"But the all-important team spirit is lacking, and without it even the most strenuous effort by every player is futile."

Against One-Man Control

An effort to put down all the 15,000 needed to save Leeds United F. C. has been made by a Leeds business man and has been refused by Major Bradshaw, the chairman of the "United" board of directors. The offer was made with the proviso of the use of control of the club.

The Football League has always been against one-man control, and it was probably this fact that prompted Major Bradshaw to turn the offer down.

The prospectus of the club's 74 per cent. debenture scheme has now been issued and many shares have been taken up by large and small investors.

Scottish Qualifying Cup Final
The final for the Scottish Qualifying Cup was played yesterday at Aberdeen. Royal Albert (Lancashire) won the cup by 3-1 against the Clackmannand (Inverness).

The Albert side previously held the trophy, but this is the first time that the "Clack" has appeared in the final.

Many years ago the Aberdeen club—before it was admitted to the First Division of the League—beat Renton in a Qualifying Cup final at Dundee.

Players for the States
American Association football agents, apparently gratified with their success in inducing well-known Scottish and Irish players to break their contracts and to accept more lucrative appointments in the United States, have now turned their attention to players of the English League.

Good Goal Getter
Neil Harris, the Newcastle United centre forward, scored three goals in succession (the "hat-trick") in three matches this season. He played for Scotland against England last season, and was prominent in Newcastle's cup-winning team.

Tottenham's Wealth
Tottenham Hotspurs, a professional football club in England, has known what it is to make \$15,000 in one season. Since the year the club has made over \$50,000, and before the season is over will have paid out something like \$15,000 in benefit awards to players, since league football was resumed after the armistice.

No Sunday Football
Football players have been suspended in North-west Surrey for taking part in Sunday football.

COUGARS DEFEAT VANCOUVER MEN

Lester Patrick's Crew Outclasses Visitors Christmas Day—Nothing to It After First Stanza

FREDDIE GRABS THREE GOALS DURING MATCH

Happy Holmes Shows Great Form in Local Cage—New Men on Renovated Victoria Sextette Impress Fans

Victoria 4, Vancouver 2

OUTCLASSING the Vancouver Maroons in every department and winning by a decisive margin, Lester Patrick's fast-stepping Cougars sent over three thousand local rail-birds home happy on Christmas afternoon, and in the right humor and with an appetite for a nice turkey dinner. The Cougars came out on the long end of a 4-2 score, and it is really a wonder that the Victoria boys did not make it eight instead of four counters.

Thanks to Frederickson, Hart, Walker, Holmes, and the rest of the local hockey machine, the Vancouver puck-chuckers dropped their seventh game of the season, and their fifth in a row. After the end of the first period, there was nothing to it—the Victoria clan got out in front and skated right through to a fine victory. Yes, the Mainlanders tried, and strove valiantly to reap the fruits of success—but their efforts were all in vain.

Victorians turned out in liberal numbers to welcome the Cougars home after their jaunt on the Icebergs, where they secured an even break out of six matches, a very satisfactory showing indeed. And the Cougars didn't disappoint their many backers here. Lester Patrick's men showed well on their initial appearance in Victoria, and the fans were most complimentary in expressing the opinion of the renovated Victoria sextette.

A Fine Start for Cougars
The 4-2 victory that the Cougars clinched at the expense of Frank Patrick's crew was a splendid start for the home team at their home ice, and the four men that Lester obtained from last year's Seattle outfit played a big part in the success that was achieved. Holmes, in goal, put up his usual fine exhibition, and after the opening stanza, none of the visitors could snare the rubber past him.

Gordie Fraser, on the defence, showed lots of speed, fine checking, and a powerful shot. Jack Walker, the "Old Fox," was as fox as ever, and kept his opponents guessing by his strategic movements. Frank Frederickson, while not in the best of condition, displayed indications of his old-time form.

Frank Frederickson looks as though he is in for the best season of his career in professional hockey. Frank has been uncovering all kinds of stuff on the prairies, and on Christmas Day, at the expense of the Vancouver Maroons, he was responsible for three of the four Victoria tallies. His all-round effective performance won for him the approval and gratitude of the three thousand fans who cheered and exhorted him to even greater achievements.

In fact, the whole Victoria team showed class on the pond, and even the most critical spectator could not but agree that Lester Patrick has lined up the best squad that ever represented this city in any professional hockey circuit. Harold Henderson made a fine impression with the fans by his unselfish playing, while Harold Hart, the heady worker who performed so well in Seattle, was on the job throughout and contributed greatly to the afternoon's win that Victoria pursued.

Clarence Loughlin, who figured in many of the onslaughts made on the Vancouver citadel, while Harry Meeking was right there when it came to aggressive defence and offence. Jack Anderson, a big favorite with the fans, was bustling with energy, and let no opportunity for effective work pass him by.

Maroons Open Scoring
The Maroons got away to a flying start, when they got two counters past Harry Holmes, and were rarin' to grab a few more. Six minutes and twenty-five seconds after the start, they had started the teams in play. Mickey Mackay, with one of his characteristic speedy rushes, wormed his way, unassisted, through the Victoria defence for the initial tally of the evening.

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Sportive Punches

By the "Old Un"

Didn't we promise to hand the Cougars a little lousier after their Christmas Day match here with Vancouver? Well, it's coming to them, so the Vancouver team, Victoria, and if the championship depends on the hockey ability of their individual members, there is no reason why Victoria should not win the championship.

It was the opening game at home, and that, of course, makes a difference. They had most things in their favor and everybody pulling for them, but don't forget that the game followed another victory of three days before over the same team on the enemy's ice.

It is the prairie teams that Victoria will have to beat this year evidently. The Cougars certainly ought not to let the Vancouver Maroons get the better of them. Victoria has the better team this year, and, if the championship depends on the hockey ability of their individual members, there is no reason why Victoria should not win the championship.

In former years their weak spot has been in their own net. Holmes, at his best, has never been quite as good as Lehman at his best, but Lehman is not as good as he used to be, and for some years he was fully half the Vancouver team. Victoria, now, has a better goalie than she has had before, and the stalwart and "happy" figure behind them must give confidence to the forwards when attacking.

NOW, LET'S JUST MAKE IT THREE IN A ROW BY GIVING REGINA A WALLOPING TONIGHT AND THUS PUT THE FINISH TO AN EXCELLENT WEEK'S WORK.

Huge cricket scores, such as are being made in Australia in a notable event, are not in the least interest of the game, in the Old Un's opinion.

Enormous scores by expert batters on a pitch like a billiard table for smoothness tend to make the game as monotonous as enormous breaks by the spot stroke or nursery cannons made by billiard professionals.

The best cricket from a sporting point of view is the cricket played on the village pitch in the squire's field where even the county batsman, who was expected by everybody to go in first and knock up a hundred for his side, sometimes succumbed to an element of luck and was bowled first ball by the village blacksmith, who bumped a shooter into his stumps.

Suppose that's heresy, but there will be some of old cricketers who will, down in his heart, have to agree with it. Many of them must have recollections of drives on a four-in-hand through the English countryside for a match with a country club.

And that kind of cricket helped more, far more, than county championships or international test matches, to keep the old game going.

TODAY'S SOCCER

Three First Division soccer games will be played today on local grounds, as follows:
Some of England vs. North Wards, at Royal Athletic Park, referee, Payne; Veterans vs. Esquimalt, at Beacon Hill, referee, Saunders; Victoria Wests vs. United Services, at Work Point, referee, Cockwell.

The following selected teams were announced last night:
Esquimalt—Bennett; Watt and Mesher; Hosmer, Edwards and Le Comte; Brown, Watt, Davidson, Watt and Warren; reserves, Bendall and McColl.

North Wards—It. Cummins; Taylor and Watt; McMillan, Brynjolfsson and Kroeter; Cummins, Allen, Rpherts, Cummins and Howden; reserves, Motion and Dowds.
Victoria Wests—Leeming; Baker and Copas; Popham, Thomas and Wright; Sherratt, Mulhain, Youson, Eden and Butler.

Kick-off will be at 2:30 in all games.

gagement. Twelve minutes later, Joe Maitte, skated around Henderson, and scored the first goal for the Cougars. Loughlin, for the second and last goal that Vancouver secured.

Lester Patrick's lads started their good work in the first period, and just before the bell rang, Frank Frederickson, accepting a nice pass from Harry Meeking, tallied, and the vast auditorium rang with cheers. The fans were happy, calling for more goals.

And the other allies came in the next two periods.

Seven minutes after the second period, the crowd went wild, and shortly before the end of the period Fredrickson, the heady worker, assisted. The Cougars had many chances to score, including open nets, but were unable to take full advantage of the opportunities. Fraser, who played with Edmonton last year, scored Victoria's last goal, on a pass from Walker, towards the end of the last period. It was a good victory and the better thing for more goals.

Red Stops Difficult Ones

Charlie Reid, Vancouver's goalie, who is replacing Hughie Lehman under the latter is able to play, saved before the bell rang, Frank Frederickson, accepting a nice pass from Harry Meeking, tallied, and the vast auditorium rang with cheers. The fans were happy, calling for more goals.

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The teams were as follows:
Victoria..... Position..... Vancouver
Holmes..... Goal..... Reid
Loughlin..... Defence..... Duncan
Fraser..... Defence..... Broum
Hudson..... Defence..... Maitte
Walker..... Forward..... Mackay
Frederickson..... Forward..... Boucher
Foyston..... Forward..... Arbour
Meeking..... Forward..... Boucher
Hart..... Forward..... Reinka
Anderson..... Forward.....

Summary
First period—1, Vancouver, Mackay, unsisted, 6:25; 2, Vancouver, Maitte, unsisted, 12:20; 3, Victoria, Frederickson from Meeking, 1:00.
Second period—4, Victoria, Hart from Anderson, 7:13; 5, Victoria, Frederickson from Fraser, 12:23.
Third period—6, Victoria, Frederickson from Walker, 15:07.

Penalties
First period—Frederickson and Reinka, 2 minutes.
Second period—Loughlin and F. Boucher, 2 minutes.
Third period—Fraser, 2 minutes.

KAYO FOR BERLENBACH

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Paul Berlebach knocked out Larry Estridge in the second round of a scheduled 12-round bout in Madison Square Garden tonight.

There are still a few reserved seat tickets available which can be procured at the Y.M.C.A.

CALIFORNIA FIFTEEN WINS FROM 'VARSITY'

Olympic Rugby Champions Score Nine to Nil in First of Three-Game Series

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—Displaying a spirit and dash which carried them through the entire game at full speed, California rugger on Christmas Day defeated the University of B.C., at Brockton Point by nine points to nil, in the first of their three-game series.

The Southern team, which included seven members of the 1924 American Olympic team, were good value for their victory throughout, showing better teamwork and near knowledge of the game than in any previous encounter here.

The match which proved to be full of the spectacular from start to finish, was played on a frost-hardened ground on which three tons of straw had been spread. This made a fast though somewhat slippery surface, and both teams turned in many brilliant runs. The American half-back being especially to the fore in this department.

Two Thousand Attend
Two thousand spectators braved the cold to visit the oval, and were well rewarded. Officials of the Vancouver Rugby Union were a little disappointed in this turnout, as they have a guarantee of \$3,000 to make in the three-game series. They believe, however, that if the standard of Christmas Day is maintained in the other two games, the California team will draw increasingly enthusiastic support.

The uncanny ability of the California backs to take the ball anywhere under any circumstances, and to get rid of it to advantage, was the outstanding feature of their play. Time and again they swept down the field for large gains through beautiful three-quarter ruck, and, when stopped, they generally managed to get the ball out again. Two of their three unconverted tries were the result of three-quarter runs, and there were several other runs which all but finished in a score.

The Americans did everything with the ball that could be expected of a seasoned basketball player. When tackled they shot the ball back ten or twenty yards to a waiting back, who either kicked for touch or started the three-quarter run. There was a little fumbling, it is true, but in relation to the number of passes they held, these were very much in minimum.

Forwards Good
The visitors also showed the "Varsity" hunch a few tricks about line plunging. Their forwards gained a lot of ground by ploughing through the back of the defence with the ball. Outweighing the University of B.C. forwards, they played right on top of the ball all the while, with speed and agility surprising in such big men.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Canadians defeated Boston 5-0 in a scheduled N.H.L. fixture played before the Christmas crowd of 3,500 here last night.

The teams were as follows:
Boston..... Position..... Montreal
Holmes..... Goal..... Reid
Loughlin..... Defence..... Duncan
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Estevan's New Mascot Maggie Has Lost Jiggs

Thorough Search of West Coast Fails to Find Partner for Ship's New Mascot—Black Bear Now Occupies Kennel Formerly Used by Rastus, the Big Dane Dog—Chases Cat Overboard, Then Paints Himself With Red Oxide After Wild Orgy

THE Government lighthouse tender Estevan has found a new mascot to replace the big Dane dog Rastus that died two years ago. "Maggie," a six-month-old black bear, is the mascot's name, and like other members of the feminine sex has already won the hearts of every member of the ship's crew. The men, however, are much perturbed over the fact that they have been unable to find "Jiggs." They searched the entire West Coast from Nootka Sound down to Victoria for Jiggs, but, as usual, he never turned up. They have temporarily given up the quest for Jiggs, safely believing that he must have found a well-stocked tuck shop, with plenty of sweetmeats to keep him busy.

A fisherman by the name of Mr. Hoffman presented the Estevan with the new mascot and, needless to say, Maggie "cut up" in the usual manner. First of all she chased the ship's cat over the side of the well deck so that those who favored the cat as a mascot are now wearing mourning. Not satisfied with this, however, she adopted the Communist spirit and adorned herself in brilliant red.

It was the morning after the Estevan had left Nootka that they found her hidden away in the paint locker peacefully reposing in a barrel of red oxide, sound asleep. Red stains on her fluffy coat of fur bore witness of the ship's cat over the side in the paint locker, where she first of all disposed of a bagful of candy presented to her by the crew as a peace offering after chasing the cat overboard.

IMPORTER TO LOAD LUMBER CARGO

Will Pick Up Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Feet Canadian Lumber Bringing Biggest Cargo From Eastern Canada Since Service Started

To load nearly a million feet of lumber the Canadian Government Merchant Marine liner Canadian Importer is due here this morning. She will pick up 850,000 feet of ties from the various mills, it was learned at the local office.

The ties are for the United Kingdom and comprise chiefly railroad crossing ties. This trip the Importer is taking 4000 capacity cargo, while in the same service the Canadian Skirmisher, which is due here January 4, is also bringing out a large cargo.

In the international service the Canadian Importer is bringing one of the largest cargoes from Eastern Canada ports that has been brought here since the C. G. M. M. inaugurated this service. There is a stack of bills-of-lading two inches thick at the local office, although they have not yet figured out the exact tonnage for Victoria. It is safely estimated that it is the largest that has ever been brought here in this service. The Importer left the Panama Canal for Victoria December 13 and is due here December 30. The Canadian Winner, which is now loading at Shanghai, is due back here on January 3.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—A temporary plaster cast of a proposed memorial to Canadian nurses who died during the war is being erected in one of the niches of the main corridor of the Parliament Buildings.

ESTIMATE GIVEN ON SILK EXPORT

Japanese Silk Growers Forecast Exportation of 360,000 Bales to United States Up to Year Ending June

JAPAN FAR AHEAD OF CHINESE FIGURE N.Y.K. Will Make Bid for the Silk Trade by Placing Three New Steamers in Trans-Pacific Run

Demand for Japanese silk in America is stronger, according to a report received on the arrival of the Empress of Australia from the Orient on Christmas Day.

No abnormal boom is anticipated, but the market tone will continue steady and firm. The American stock market, which is apt to influence the silk price, is now at its peak, says the report, but the silk price is set at a very low point compared with stock prices.

Estimates of silk consumption in the United States for the year ending June 30 are for 360,000 bales. Of the above amount Japanese silk comprises 290,000 bales, and European and Chinese silk will consist of 70,000 bales.

It is to meet this increasing demand for silk from Japan by this continent that the N. Y. K. proposes to place the Atsuka Maru, Atago and Anaka Maru on the trans-Pacific run next year. The two latter liners are new ships of a much faster type than those at present operating in the service.

In the meantime steamship lines are awaiting with expectancy the final silk report for this year. There is much discussion as to whether the Canadian Pacific liners or the Osaka Kaisha will lead the list. The Blue Funnel line is also close to the top, so that there will be considerable interest in the honors for second position.

Largely through an unprecedented decrease in demand, the shipment of silk from Shanghai to America during the first nine months of the year amounted to but 49 per cent of that for the same period of 1923. The total for the first three-quarters of this year is 72,745,615 worth.

An interesting comparison can be made between the Shanghai figure and the Japanese estimate for the next six months. Their estimate is 240,000 bales, valued at \$250,000,000, which is exactly 433,254,345 more than the Shanghai export business.

Spanish Amnesty Act MADRID, Dec. 26.—Spaniards who have served in foreign armies and are desirous of returning to Spain will not be considered deserters under a royal decree, which is now loading at Shanghai, is due back here on January 3.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

VESSEL MOVEMENTS
PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Arrived: W. R. Porter, Curacao, San Pedro; Mount Carroll, Baltimore. Sailed: Nuno.
TACOMA, Dec. 26.—Lurline, Santa Inez, San Francisco; Anyox, Anyox. Sailed: Lurline, Honolulu; A. L. Kew, New York.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Edgar Howell, Philadelphia; Steel Voyager, New York; Admiral Bairo, Portland; Edgar Luckenbach, Bellingham.
SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Emma Alexander, Vancouver; Monterey, Tacoma; Nebraska, San Francisco. Sailed: Emma Alexander, President Jackson, Greylock, Tacoma.
SITKA, Dec. 26.—Sailed: Admiral Rogers, southbound.

Arrived
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Northwestern Miller, San Francisco.

COASTWISE SAILINGS

C.P.R. Vessels—2:15 p.m. and 11:45 p.m., daily.
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To Port Angeles
SS. Sol Due—19:15 a.m., daily, except Sundays.
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Gulf Island Route
SS. Otter leaves Belleville Street Wharf every Monday at 7:15 a.m., and every Wednesday at 5 a.m.

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Freight, Dec. 3, left Victoria for U.K.
Canadian Highlander, Dec. 13, left Victoria for U.K.
Canadian Importer, Dec. 14, arrived Fraser River.
Canadian Inventor, Dec. 1, left Sydney for Victoria.
Canadian Planter, Nov. 24, left Victoria for Australia.
Canadian Prospector, Dec. 3, left Panama Canal for Halifax.
Canadian Scotcher, Nov. 23, arrived St. John.
Canadian Skirmisher, Nov. 26, left Glasgow for Victoria.
Canadian Spinner, due here this morning.
Canadian Transporter, Dec. 12, arrived Birkenhead.
Canadian Winner, Dec. 7, left Yokohama for Kobe.
Canadian Coaster, Dec. 16, left Powell River.
Canadian Farmer, Dec. 14, arrived San Pedro.
Canadian Observer, Dec. 9, arrived Ocean Falls.
Canadian Rover, Dec. 13, left Ocean Falls.

First Steamer to Cross Pacific Was Golden Age

First Mail From Australia to England via the Pacific Ocean and North America Took Sixty-Seven Days to Reach Destination—Side-Wheeler Sailed From San Francisco in 1854—Did Voyage From Tahiti to Melbourne in 13 Days 6 Hours

THE records of early steam navigation in the Pacific are difficult to trace, and the question which was the first steamer to cross that ocean took some time to decide. The evidence seems to be with the paddle steamer Golden Age, though one claimant put forward an old-time called the Monumental City for the honor, and the museum authorities at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, show the picture of the Pacific Mail steamer Colorado with the legend below it: "First steamer to cross the Pacific, sailed from San Francisco Jan. 1, 1857."

This last-named claim refers to the North Pacific, on the China run. For the whole Pacific it would be ridiculous, for not only did the Golden Age and Monumental City cross in 1854, but some smaller paddle boats staggered across in the sixties, to the goldfields of Australia, and the four screw Panama boats, the Rakai, Maturra, Ruahine and Kikouru, were running regularly between Sydney and Panama for 12 months before the Colorado put to sea.

In his "History of Steam Navigation," Rear Admiral Preble, of the United States navy, states that the Golden Age was a ship of giant size and power, built with all the latest transatlantic fashions and improvements. She arrived at Liverpool from New York in 1853, and from there made a record voyage to Australia.

Voyage of the Golden Age
On her trans-Pacific voyage she left Sydney on May 11, 1854. Referring to her departure, the Sydney Shipping Gazette stated that the vessel had new ideas embodied in her construction, but what they were was not indicated. We know, however, that she was built of wood, and that the whole hull was diagonally braced with iron. It was said that she had accommodation for 1,500 passengers, but considering that her registered tonnage was only 2,564 tons, and that she had three masts, it is hard to know where she stowed so many. In his report of the voyage, her commander, Lieutenant Porter, regretted that her peculiar construction prevented her taking a record complement of passengers from Sydney to Melbourne. The number she did take was 200, which seems reasonable under the circumstances.

Commenting on the voyage, The Melbourne Argus of September 2, 1854, writes: "The ship left Melbourne for Sydney several days before the Golden Age arrived, but she was not taken into consideration by the passengers from Sydney to Melbourne. On examining the map readers will find that Tahiti is nearly as possible halfway to Panama."

SHIPPING INFORMATION

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Canadian Trooper, Sept. 24, arrived Vancouver.

Canadian Volunteer, Dec. 11, arrived Vancouver.

Canadian Miller, Dec. 7, left Union Bay for Orient.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET					
DECEMBER					
Time of Sunrise and Sunset (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1924.					
Day	Time of sunrise	Time of sunset	Day	Time of sunrise	Time of sunset
1	7:44	4:21	11	8:00	4:19
2	7:45	4:22	12	8:01	4:19
3	7:46	4:23	13	8:02	4:19
4	7:47	4:24	14	8:03	4:19
5	7:48	4:25	15	8:04	4:19
6	7:49	4:26	16	8:05	4:19
7	7:50	4:27	17	8:06	4:19
8	7:51	4:28	18	8:07	4:19
9	7:52	4:29	19	8:08	4:19
10	7:53	4:30	20	8:09	4:19
11	7:54	4:31	21	8:10	4:19
12	7:55	4:32	22	8:11	4:19
13	7:56	4:33	23	8:12	4:19
14	7:57	4:34	24	8:13	4:19
15	7:58	4:35	25	8:14	4:19
16	7:59	4:36	26	8:15	4:19
17	8:00	4:37	27	8:16	4:19
18	8:01	4:38	28	8:17	4:19
19	8:02	4:39	29	8:18	4:19
20	8:03	4:40	30	8:19	4:19

TIDES AT VICTORIA

Time	High Water	Low Water	Time	High Water	Low Water
DECEMBER					
1	9:05	12:21	11	8:00	11:19
2	9:06	12:22	12	7:59	11:18
3	9:07	12:23	13	7:58	11:17
4	9:08	12:24	14	7:57	11:16
5	9:09	12:25	15	7:56	11:15
6	9:10	12:26	16	7:55	11:14
7	9:11	12:27	17	7:54	11:13
8	9:12	12:28	18	7:53	11:12
9	9:13	12:29	19	7:52	11:11
10	9:14	12:30	20	7:51	11:10
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12	9:16	12:32	22	7:49	11:08
13	9:17	12:33	23	7:48	11:07
14	9:18	12:34	24	7:47	11:06
15	9:19	12:35	25	7:46	11:05
16	9:20	12:36	26	7:45	11:04
17	9:21	12:37	27	7:44	11:03
18	9:22	12:38	28	7:43	11:02
19	9:23	12:39	29	7:42	11:01
20	9:24	12:40	30	7:41	11:00

The time used in Pacific Standard for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 9 a.m. to midnight. The figures for high water to distinguish High Water from Low Water. When a dash occurs in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during the successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. The average level of lower low water at the average low water of a low tide of water on the all of the dry dock at the average level of the height of High Water as above given.

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NANAIMO-UNION BAY-COMOX—From Vancouver every Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
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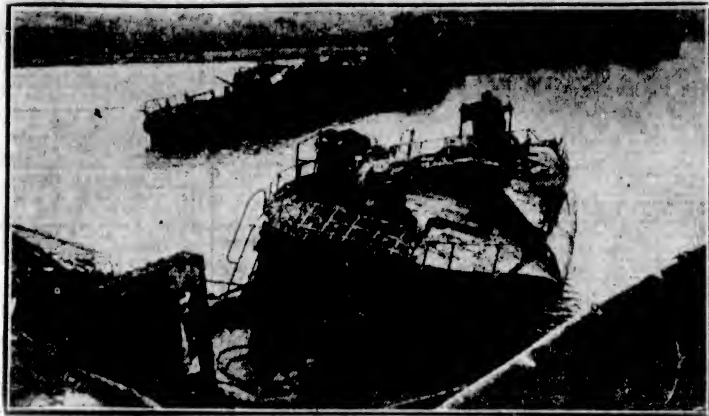
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OF a peculiar distinctive mellowness, derived from the pure spring water of the heather-clad hills of Orkney Island used in distilling this rare whisky. A whisky that made its reputation 100 years ago—the finest Scotch Whisky in the Government Store!
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The Colonist's Pictorial Page



Salvaging operations being undertaken by Great Britain to raise the sunken German fleet at Scapa Flow are shown in the above photograph. The value of the fleet lies chiefly in the enormous mass of machinery and brass and copper tubing it contains



As it was in the beginning and is now—traffic passing Mary's well in Nazareth just as it did on the first Christmas. A sign to the right of the road warns tourists that the speed limit is ten miles through the town



Perhaps the wealthiest and prettiest servant that ever carried a can of hot water in an English household was Miss Martha Prewitt, daughter of one of the wealthiest landowners in Kentucky, who worked as a housemaid in London "just to get a thrill"



Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., photographed as he arrived at parliament one wet morning on his bicycle. He has had it for the past twenty-five years, having bought it from his barber



This single head of cabbage, which weighs fifteen pounds, was grown in Georgia. Miss Mary King, of Atlanta, is here shown using it for a sunshade



Miss Eleanor Moffett of Atlanta, Ga., who, although but fourteen years old, has won four blue ribbons for horsemanship in one show. Experts declare her to be the best rider in the south



The jockey, S. Goswell, was thrown quite a distance when his horse, "Blank Cartridge," came to grief in a steeplechase at Newbury, England, but, nevertheless, rose to his feet only a bit shaken up



Vera Cooper, the American dancer, wears the new style shingle which she originated and introduced in Paris. The back hair is brushed upwards instead of down



Princess Nobuko Kuni, sister of the Japanese Crown Princess, has renounced her royal privileges that she might be free to marry Prince Sanjo of Kyoto, who, although of the nobility, is not of royal rank



Chief Adam of the Denes, a tribe of Indians that roam the forests of Athabasca and Mackenzie, present a strong argument in favor of living an outdoor life. A healthy atmosphere seems to radiate from his picture



Joseph Armstrong, of North Kingstown, R.I., puts "Post Road Jeff" through the difficult stunt of pointing on a rail fence. The thoroughbred was a winner at the first grouse trials in New England recently



The Richard family of Noyent-sur-Marne, France, were awarded the 10,000 franc prize for a "large family." The parents are twenty-four years old and have six children, the youngest being 18-months-old twins

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J. H. SAUNDERS, Automobile and Fire Insurance, 1001 Langley Street, Phone 3111.

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BROOKS, Windows, leaded glass, repair, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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A. BOUT, Furniture moving, packing, shipping, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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J. T. BRADEN, Plumber and Heating, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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J. ALLEN, Plastering and Cement Work, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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T. L. BOYDEN, Patent Attorney, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

PUBLIC STEENOGRAPHER

MRS. P. K. JONES, Public Steenographer, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

SUITS CLEANED AND PRESSED

MORRISON, Suits cleaned and pressed, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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P. W. TOW, Taxidermist and fur dresser, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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LADDER, Tanning and leather goods, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

WINDOW CLEANING

T. CO., Window cleaning, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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CORWOOD, Wood and lumber, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

BARRISTERS

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DENTISTS

D. R. LEWIS, Dentist, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

MECHANIC-THERAPY

H. MILNE, Mechanic-Therapist, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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EQUUMAL, Nursing and convalescent home, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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D. J. DUNLAP, Physician and Surgeon, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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RUPTURE, Specialist in hernia, 1111 1/2 Street, Phone 3111.

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Finance and Commerce

STREET'S TRADITIONS SMASHED BY BULLS

Stock Prices Surge Forward Under Leadership of Coppers, Eighteen Settling New Peaks for Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Stock prices surged forward today under the leadership of copper shares, shattering the Wall Street tradition of a dull and featureless post-holiday market. Forty-seven individual issues, eighteen of them coppers, smashed their previous 1924 high, carrying the industrial average to the highest level in five years. Spirited buying of the coppers took place following the announcement that sales of red metal in the East were being made at \$30 a pound for the first time this year. American Smelting was the leader in the group, jumping more than five points to 100%, the highest quotation recorded since 1917.

Seven-Year Record
United States Steel common touched 119%, the highest price in seven years, on buying influenced by reports of a further expansion in steel operations.

Trading in the rails was restricted by the mixed nature of the November earnings reports now being published.

Call money ruled unchanged, with business quiet.

Trading in the foreign exchanges was restricted by the observance of a holiday in London, but the rates held firm.

Ten-year sterling again was quoted around \$4.70 and French francs ruled around 530c. Resumption of trading in the bond market after the Christmas holiday was marked by a fresh advance in prices under the leadership of the copper issue. Net gains ranged from 1 to 4 1/2 points in the active issues and carried a number of convertible bonds to new high prices for the year. Holiday influences, however, were reflected in the smaller volume of business.

All Fractions in English			
	High	Low	High
Allie Chalmers	75 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Allied Chemical	44	45 1/2	46 1/2
Am. Sugar	32	31	31
Am. Iron	32	31	31
Am. Steel	32	31	31
Am. Ship & Pdy	107	109	102
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Large Assortment of Afternoon Dresses

Regular \$17.50 to \$49.75 Values for
\$9.95 to \$29.75

Afternoon Frocks of Canton crepe, flat crepe, satin and georgette crepe; a few velvets and vella vella cloth. The trimmings are varied, showing embroidery, braiding, buttons, piping, lace, beading and ribbon. The shades include black, navy, cocoa, nigger and hungalow brown, fawn, sand, grey, powder blue, French blue, rose, henna, rust, sea and jade green, tango, orange, apricot and mauve. They are fashioned with either long, short or no sleeves, round necks or collared, and straight line or belted waists. Sizes 16 to 48. Regularly priced from \$17.50 to \$49.75. Now selling from **\$9.95 to \$29.75**

—Mantles, 1st Floor

Our Complete Stock, the Very Latest in IMPORTED FROCKS

French and English Frocks for afternoon and evening wear. Our very latest shipment from Europe. Dresses that will be appreciated by the woman of discernment, as the styles will be popular two years hence. Shown in black, grey, brown, sand, American Beauty, white, fuchsia, flame, Stephanie; models in green velvet and cloth of gold combination and a black satin and gold brocade evening gown and court train. Sizes from 16 to 42.

ALL HALF PRICE

Five, reg. at \$87.50. On sale for \$43.75	Three, reg. \$150.00. On sale for \$75.00
One, reg. \$100.00. On sale for \$50.00	One, reg. \$165.00. On sale for \$82.50
Two, reg. \$125.00. On sale for \$62.50	One, reg. \$225.00. On sale for \$112.50

—Mantles, 1st Floor

PARIS MODELS

Including Drecoll, Molyneux, Agnes, Charlotte, Beckoff, Phillippe and Gaston Drenillet, Etc. Three-piece and two-piece afternoon and evening gowns, marvelous materials and styles which will be much appreciated by women accustomed to purchasing French models. A great variety of light or dark shades. Sizes 15 to 40.

One at	\$67.50	All Selling At \$25.00 Each
One at	\$87.50	
Two at	\$95.00	
One at	\$97.50	
One at	\$115.00	
Six at	\$125.00	
Five at	\$150.00	

—Mantles, 1st Floor

Imported Silk Knit Afternoon Dresses

Regular \$25.00. On Sale for **\$10.00**

Shown in desirable shades, embroidery and tinsel braid trimmed, long sleeves, round and scarf collared necks, smocked and shirred waistlines and some with straight panels back and front. Marvelous values. Sizes 16 to 40. Regular \$25.00 dresses on sale for **\$10.00**

—Mantles, 1st Floor

Serge and Flannel Dresses

For Ages 2 to 12 Years—Regular Price \$4.75—On Sale for

\$2.98

Serge and Flannel Dresses of fine English wool materials, in navy and colors, attractive styles, nicely trimmed. Odd sizes from 2 to 12 years. Regular \$4.75 values, for **\$2.98**

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Silk Dresses for Girls

Between the Ages of 8 and 14 Years

All New Goods Selling at a Reduction of 20%

Dresses of Silk and Crepe de Chine in dainty girlish styles, trimmed with small flowers and ribbons; shown in shades of sand, sage, rose, navy, cerise, jade; sizes for 8 to 14 years. Priced from **\$7.50 to \$18.75**

Less 20%.

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Voile and Dimity Blouses



\$1.95 to \$2.75 Values for **\$1.00**

Fine Voile and Dimity Blouses, in tuck-in style, made with Peter Pan collars or frilly fronts, long or short sleeves, trimmed with imitation hemstitching or lace; shown in white; also a few colored voiles trimmed with contrasting piping. Regular price \$1.95 to \$2.75. Each **\$1.00**

English Broadcloth Over-Blouses

Regular Price, \$4.50. On Sale for **\$2.75**

New English Broadcloth Blouses in excellent grade materials, over-blouse styles with long sleeves, neatly tailored link cuffs, Peter Pan or Bramley convertible collars, tucked or plain fronts, finished with colored or black and white tie of corded silk ribbon. Shades are sand, orchid, rose, or white. Regular \$4.50 values for **\$2.75**



Great Clearance of Our Entire Millinery Stock

All Highest Grade Millinery Models, values up to \$35.00. To be cleared at **\$9.75**

A Large Selection of Beautiful Models and Smartly Trimmed Hats, values up to \$18.50. **\$6.95**

Wonderful bargains at **\$4.95 AND \$3.95**

Two Tables of Seasonable Hats in a good variety of styles and colorings, for either matrons or misses. Values up to \$12.50. **\$4.95 AND \$3.95**

To be cleared at **\$1.95 AND \$2.95**

500 Hats, Trimmed and Ready-to-Wear, in silk velvet, duvetyne and felt, including fine quality English felts. Values up to \$8.75. All offered at **\$1.95 AND \$2.95**

VELOURS—Two dozen English, Austrian and American Velours, in black and various colors. All to be cleared at **\$4.95 AND \$5.95**

One dozen and a half Hatters' Plush Hats, Spanish Sailor Shapes and Close-Fitting Hats, rolled from face. Values up to \$8.75. Clearing **\$3.95**

at **\$1.25, \$1.95 AND \$2.95**

A Final Clearance of Children's Hats

The entire stock, shapes and styles to suit all ages from 3 to 12 years. Values from \$2.95 to \$8.95. **\$1.25, \$1.95 AND \$2.95**

for **\$1.25, \$1.95 AND \$2.95**



OUT-SIZE VOILE BLOUSES

Sizes 47 to 51. Regular Price, \$4.95. On sale for **\$1.50**

Fine English Voile Blouses in tuck-in style only. Have long sleeves, convertible collars or tuxedo collars and vestee fronts. Neatly finished with embroidery and lace trimming. Exceptional values. Regular \$4.95 for **\$1.50**

FLANNEL MIDDIES

Regular Prices \$3.95 and \$4.95. On Sale for **\$2.75 and \$3.75**

Heavy Flannel Middies in regulation style, with long sleeves, finished around collar and cuffs with braid. Shown in navy, scarlet and sage, with braid to match. Others are made in blouse style with band around bottom and finished with white linen Peter Pan collars and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 40. Regular \$3.95 and \$4.95 values for **\$2.75 and \$3.75**

IMPORTED SILK JUMPERS

Regular Prices, \$15.75 to \$17.95. On sale for **\$8.90**

These jumpers are made of heavy silk jersey with round necks, short or three-quarter sleeves. Many beautiful patterns to choose from, including some very pretty conventional designs and a striking bird pattern. A few hand-knitted and crocheted models. Regular \$15.75 to \$17.95 values for **\$8.90**

—Blouses, 1st Floor

All-Wool English Cardigans

Regular \$1.95 to \$3.95 Values On Sale for **98c**

Cardigans in plain or fancy knit, long sleeves finished with knit to fit cuffs, two pockets and four-button fastening. Tuxedo sweaters in plain close weave, with two pockets and tie belt. A few pull-overs in plain or fancy weaves. Shown in all the desired shades and white. Regular prices \$1.95 to \$3.95 for **98c**

All-Wool Pull-Overs Cardigans and Jaquettes

Regular Prices \$3.98 to \$10.75—On Sale for **\$2.98 to \$4.98**

This lot comprises Cardigans of camel yarn, with long sleeves and patch pockets, and sweaters Cardigans of plain knit in fawn, pearl, navy and black. Jaquettes of flame-colored brush wool, trimmed with black collar, cuffs and band. Heather mistle pull-overs and the "Avalon" pull-over in all-over patterns in silk and wool, and English Cardigans in brushed wool or plain knit, in shades of fawn, pearl, black, navy and mixtures. Regular \$3.98 to \$10.75 values for **\$2.98 to \$4.98**

Imported Silk Jaquettes

Regular \$10.75 Values—On Sale for **\$4.90**

Very Pretty Silk Jaquettes in fancy or plain weaves, have long sleeves, roll collar and fasten to one side with buttons or tie. Many beautiful shades, including rose, sand, peach, fawn, brown, peacock and black and Paisley designs. Regular price \$10.75. On sale for **\$4.90**

English Silk and Wool Pull-Overs

Regular Price \$11.90—On Sale for **\$4.90**

The Pull-Overs are made of an extra heavy crepe knit, with V necks, collars and three-quarter sleeves, trimmed with mixed colors on sleeves, collar and around bottom. Many interesting color combinations are shown in this line; sizes 40 to 44. Regular \$11.90. Values for **\$4.90**

—Sweaters, 1st Floor

Children's All-Wool Cardigans

Regular Price \$4.50—On Sale for **\$2.75**

All-Wool Cardigans in a good variety of colors, buttoned in front with five buttons. Have patch pockets, and are shown in rose, sheik, grey and sage. Soft quality brush wool sweaters, in sizes for 6 to 14 years. Values to \$4.50 for **\$2.75**

Pull-Overs for children between the ages of 4 and 14 years. Shown in grey, navy, yellow; plain or fancy knit weaves. Values to \$3.95. On sale for **\$2.60**

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

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The warm weather which prevailed during the greater part of the season, having curtailed buying to a great extent, has left us with an unusual stock of Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear on hand. In the usual course of procedure this stock would not have been offered till January, but having greatly augmented our selling staff for the Christmas business, we have decided to place this heavy surplus stock on sale while the extra help is available. The values will be great, and every garment belongs to our regular stocks.—DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED.

Blanket Cloth Coats

Regular Values \$10.00. On Sale for, Each **\$5.00**

Blanket Cloth Coats, made in utility styles, belted, with strap pockets, strap on sleeves, and half lined. They have convertible collars, and shades are brown, grey, navy and taupe. Sizes 16 to 42. Great value. Regular \$10.00 for..... **\$5.00**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Good Grade Coats

Regular Values \$14.75. On Sale for **\$7.50**

In this selection of coats you will find velours, polo cloths, tweeds, Teddy bear cloths. Some are made with neat side panels of pintucks, or trimmed with folds of self material. They have smart looking double convertible collars, sleeves with turn-back cuffs, or finished with straps. The coats are fully lined, button trimmed, and shown in various styles. Shades are grey, tan, brown, sand and taupe. Sizes 14 to 42. Regular value \$14.75 for..... **\$7.50**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Fur-Trimmed and Utility Coats

Regular Values \$9.75 to \$25.00. On Sale for **\$12.50**

Fur-Trimmed and Utility Coats of blanket cloth, polo stripe velour and tweed mixtures. These are made in tailored and dressy styles, with patch or slash pockets, double convertible collars; sleeves are gathered to strap and finished with button, or in bell or tailored styles. The coats are fully lined, and in shades brown, sand, grey, navy and cinnamon. Sizes 16 to 44. Regular \$19.75 to \$25.00 for..... **\$12.50**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

High-Grade Coats

Regular Prices \$35.00 to \$45.00. On Sale for **\$23.75**

Beautiful Coats of Vella-Bloom, French Cut Velour, Marvella, Duvetyn, Velour and Flamingo. These are trimmed with cable stitching, embroidery, cloth covered or pearl buttons, fancy strappings and self materials. Some have turn-back cuffs, on others the sleeves are gathered into a neat cuff. They have collars and cuffs of fitch, opossum or choker collar of electric seal. Other coats are trimmed with thibetina, shown in straight lines with side fastening, side tie or belt; convertible collars, to be worn open or closed, and all fully lined. Shades are brown, navy, black, fawn, green, sandalwood and taupe. Sizes 16 to 44. Regular prices \$35.00 to \$45.00 on sale for..... **\$23.75**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor



Coats, \$29.75

Regular Prices \$42.00 to \$49.75

In this assortment are plain tailored and fur-trimmed coats. Tailored styles are belted, have inverted pleat at back, sleeves finished with straps and buttons, slit or patch pockets and convertible collars. They have shoulder lining, and shown in shades brown, fawn, green and blue. The Fur-Trimmed Coats are made of velour and Bolivia cloth in straight lines and finished with buttons and fancy stitchings. Fully lined. The furs used in trimming are tinted opossum and Thibetina. Shades are brown, black, sand and taupe. Sizes 16 to 47. Regular prices \$42.00 to \$49.75. On sale, each..... **\$29.75**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Beautiful Coats

Regular Values \$49.75 to \$65.00. On Sale, Each **\$33.75**

In this group of coats are a number of very smart novelty effects, plain and fur-trimmed styles. The materials consist of pressed plush, Bolivia cloth, duvetyn, marvella, velour and camel hair. Some in straight lines, others wrappy effects, and all neatly finished with the most popular trimmings and silk lined. The fur trimmings are represented by tinted opossum, Viatka squirrel, electric seal and tinted Thibetina. Shades include taupe, green, brown, grey, fawn, sand, navy, cocoa and black. Regular prices from \$47.50 to \$65.00. On sale for..... **\$33.75**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

English-Made Fur-Trimmed Coats

Regular \$97.50 to \$195.00. On Sale for

\$39.75 to \$69.75

These are beautiful coats—made of broadcloth, duvetyn, Paisley and fancy materials. They are beautifully trimmed with embroidery, some having fur strappings and others with band of fur around bottom. All are fully lined with silk. The fur trimmings consist of raccoon, French beaver, wolf, electric seal, smoked fox, kolinsky. The shades are cocoa, brown and black. Regular prices \$97.50 to \$195.00 for..... **\$39.75 to \$69.75**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Some Extra High-Grade Coats

Regular Prices \$75.00 to \$125.00. On Sale for **\$49.75**

Beautiful Coats made from silk marvella, Bolivia cloth, French velour, fancy check materials and stamped plush. They are trimmed with Viatka squirrel, Thibetina, Alaska sable and seal. The styles are exclusive and are finished with pintucks, embroidery or buttons covered with self materials. Straight or novelty styles, with convertible or choker collars. Many of the coats have a trimming of fur around bottom; lined with Canton crepe or brocaded silk. Shades include brown, green, grey, fawn, black, brick and mahogany. Sizes 36 to 44. Regular prices \$75.00 to \$125.00. On sale..... **\$49.75**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Coats, \$16.75

Regular Prices \$23.75 to \$29.75

Coats made of all-wool velours, blanket cloth, cut velour, Teddy bear cloth and chevot. Straight or tailored lines, trimmed with pintucks, Thibetina and beaverine fur. They have bell sleeves, turn-back cuffs with straps, patch or slash pockets and one-button fastening. Some are trimmed with cable stitching. All fully lined. Shades are blue, brown, grey, black and fawn. Sizes 16 to 44. Regular prices \$23.75 to \$29.75. On sale, each..... **\$16.75**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Black and Navy Tailored Suits

Sale Prices, \$19.75 to \$47.50

Suits of Tricotine, Poirer Twill and Charnene Cloth. The coats are medium length, in fitted styles and straight lines. They are trimmed with braid, binding and self trimming, and are silk lined. The skirts are plain with slit pockets or in wrap-around styles. Sizes 16 to 46. On sale, each, **\$19.75 to \$47.50**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

FASHIONABLE SKIRTS

Women's Winter Skirts, a good practical line in tweed mixtures, small checks and plaids, wrap-around styles, button trimmed; in shades of brown, fawn, navy and grey. Waistline sizes 26 to 32..... **\$1.95**

A special offering of Camel Hair Skirts, wrap-around styles, button trimmed; shown in stripe, plaid and plain effects. The shades include fawn and olive, fawn and white, fawn and mauve, grey and Oxford, grey and jade, and plain Oxford. Neat, sporty skirts that look so well with sweaters. Waistline sizes 26 to 32..... **\$2.95**
—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Children's Coats

For Ages 2 to 5 Years
Regular Value Up to \$10.75, on Sale for

\$3.95 and \$5.95

Coats of velour and blanket cloth, made in belted styles with neat beaverine collars and cuffs and slash pockets. Regular \$10.75 values for..... **\$3.95 and \$5.95**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Girls' and Misses' Coats

Regular Prices Up to \$25.00, on Sale for

\$11.90

Great values in Bearcloth, Velour and Blanket Cloth Coats, fur-trimmed or untrimmed, finished with cable stitching and buttons. Shown in straight or belted styles, in navy, brown and taupe. Sizes for 12 to 15 years. Regular values to \$25.00. On sale for..... **\$11.90**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Children's Coats

For Ages 5 to 8 Years
Regular Price, \$12.50, on Sale for

\$7.90

Coats of velour and blanket cloth, with beaverine collar or untrimmed. Belted styles, finished with cable stitching and pockets. Regular \$12.50 values for..... **\$7.90**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

GIRLS' COATS

For Ages 9, 10 and 11 Years. Regular Price, \$15.00, on Sale for **\$9.90**

Coats of velour and blanket cloth, with beaverine collars, straightline or belted styles, in fawn, navy, grey and brown; sizes for 9, 10 and 11 years. Regular \$15.00 values for..... **\$9.90**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

NAVY REEFER COATS

For Either Boys or Girls From 2 to 4 Years. Regular Price, \$8.95, on Sale for **\$6.95**

Navy Reefer Coats of Heavy Fox's Serge, made double breasted, with brass buttons; have emblem on sleeves and are fully lined, finished with neat tailored collars and pockets with flaps; sizes for 2 to 4 years. Regular \$8.95 values on sale for..... **\$6.95**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

CHILDREN'S RAINCOATS

For Ages 3 to 10 Years. Regular Price, \$6.75, on Sale for **\$2.75**

Raincoats made in raglan style or with set-in sleeves, single or double breasted, with belt and patch pockets. All made of good quality showerproof or waterproof materials. Sizes for 3 to 10 years. Regular \$6.75 values for..... **\$2.75**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

See Preceding Page for Great Values in Dresses, Blouses, Sweaters and Millinery